

Government to back £600m in for boosting coal output

Joint plan to ensure the future of the coal industry in the 1980s is to be supported by the Government.

Commitment meant to ensure needs in 80s

Advanced planning was well ahead and within the next few days he hoped to announce locations for the new drift mine. He added: "I would be very sorry if work had not started before the end of the year."

Westminster security plan may be rejected

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

The Commons Services Committee yesterday considered recommendations by senior police officers for Scotland Yard and Cannon Street who have made a study of security arrangements at the Palace of Westminster; but a proposal for much more stringent precautions at the Palace is likely to be rejected by both Houses.

Apparently the Metropolitan Police are highly critical of the fact that at weekends and in the mornings before Commons proceedings begin, most security checks are carried out by custodians under the control of the Palace authorities. They say that if tight security is to be maintained responsibility must rest entirely with the police, in both uniform and plain clothes.

They have suggested that the entrances should be reduced to three: the cloisters approach from Westminster Underground station; the main gate for cars coming from Parliament Square into New Palace Yard; and the public entrance at St Stephen's.

Another, less stringent, security system which is being discussed would greatly reduce public access to MPs. It has long been a cherished boast of British politicians that constituents can come to the House of Commons whenever they feel they have a grievance, to meet their MP.

MPs want to preserve that right; but the police say, for really tight security control the historic procedure would have to be changed. Constituents with a grievance would have to make an appointment beforehand and come armed with authority to enter the Palace.



Detectives seated at the entrance to Old Palace Yard questioning all who entered Parliament buildings yesterday.

Many MPs would vote against any motion which proposed to interfere with such meetings or with mass lobbies, arguing that the whole principle of open House would be undermined if the public was not allowed reasonable opportunities to see what its legislators were up to.

It will indeed be necessary if the Metropolitan Police are put in charge of the watch for 24 hours a day, every day, because the latter number of policemen would be familiar with the face of every MP and of every peer.

Britain presents EEC with radical proposals for agricultural policy changes

From David Cross
Brussels, June 18

The Labour Government today opened a new chapter in its attempt to renegotiate Britain's EEC membership terms by submitting a detailed list of demands for changes in the Community's much criticized common agricultural policy.

At a meeting of ministers of agriculture of the Nine in Luxembourg, Mr Peart, the British minister, emphasized that his Government's proposals were aimed at improving the operation of the common agricultural policy and increasing its effectiveness to farmers and consumers.

Mr Peart reiterated this today when he said that Britain's demands would leave intact such sacrosanct principles as community preference, free trade in agricultural goods and common farm prices.

Nevertheless some of Mr Peart's ideas are sufficiently radical to cause some concern to custodians of the common agricultural policy like France and Ireland.

Herr Josef Ertl, of West Germany, who presided, said various points in the British statement needed careful examination and he described Mr Peart's speech as "courteous, to the point—and full of ambiguities."

Differential pricing of some commodities in different parts of the Community should be introduced if necessary, Mr Peart pointed out that such a system had been used to overcome difficulties in Britain and Italy in recent months.

Measures should be introduced to help control surpluses. If surplus products had to be bought up by the community they should not remain for long in storage centres but be made available for EEC consumers.

For beef, variable slaughter premiums and production subsidies should be introduced, accompanied by a more realistic import policy.

For New Zealand dairy products, there should be continued access to the Community for up to 140,000 tons of butter between 1978 and 1982. Similar provisions should be made for cheese if needed.

There should be an assured supply of Australian cane sugar, as well as an additional 1.4 million tons from the developing countries after the expiry of the Commonwealth sugar agreement.

Special arrangements should be made for North American hard wheat imports, an essential ingredient in British bread. The Community should reduce its tariffs on some imported processed foods like canned fruit and fish products.

Our Agricultural Correspondent writes: Mr Peart did not go as far as many farmers in Britain would have wished for immediate action on beef, if necessary outside the Community.

Some easing of the position on pigs has been secured for British producers by an agreement that the 50p a score pig subsidy will continue until September 1. For the following four weeks it will be 35p, and from then until November 15, 15p.

£350 rises for senior officials agreed

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Rises of £350 a year for state industry chairmen, senior civil servants, judges and highest rank military officers have been recommended to the Government by the Top Salaries Review Body.

Present pay scales in the affected grades range from £27,750 for the head of the British Steel Corporation to £8,500 for Whitehall Under-Secretaries.

The recommendations were contained in a report, issued last night from the review body, which now goes on to complete a detailed study of high-level public salaries.

The extra money (under-seculars are to receive an additional £150 as a "flexibility margin" would be paid retroactively from April 1, or where applicable a year after the last rise.

For chairmen and members of boards of nationalized industries, top civil servants, and senior officers in the Armed Services, the rises took effect from April 1 last year, but were delayed by the pay standstill.

The review body, led by Lord Boyle of Handsworth (and including the industrialists, Lord

Beeching and Sir Mark Turner), also recommended the introduction of threshold arrangements as defined in the pay code.

"We have taken the necessary steps to assure ourselves that our recommendations are in conformity with the pay code and the report said he met by a broad general recommendation.

Examples of new salary levels are: chairmen of National Coal Board, British Rail, Electricity Council, British Airways and Post Office Corporation £23,100 (deputies, £13,100; board members, £12,500 and £17,500); chairmen of Atomic Energy Authority, National Bus Company and National Freight Corporation £19,500 (deputies, £15,500; members, between £10,100 and £14,000).

New salaries for area electricity board chairmen will be in the range £12,500 to £17,500.

For the Civil Service, the head of the Home Civil Service, the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, and the Secretary to the Cabinet, the new salary level is £17,350.

Permanent secretaries of Whitehall departments will receive £16,350, with £11,100 for deputy secretaries and £9,000 for under-secretaries.

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Concern for NHS as doctors get 7½% rise

By Our Medical Reporter

Pay rises for doctors and dentists of at least 7½ per cent, which will add £26.6m to the NHS budget, was recommended by the review body on their pay last night. The award is within Phase Three and was accepted by the Government.

Dr Derek Stevenson, secretary of the British Medical Association, said that it was significant that Lord Halsbury, chairman of the review body, had gone out of his way to warn the Prime Minister about the effect on the NHS of doctors' pay falling behind other professions.

The BMA said: "We intend to settle the recommended threshold payments immediately and special meetings will be held at BMA House this week to study the detailed implications of the report."

Mr Terry Beaton, president of the Council of Hospital Consultants' and Specialists' Association, said: "This will do nothing at all to relieve dissatisfaction among consultants." He added that in recommending rises within the Government's pay policy, the review body had acted as "an extension of the Treasury".

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Strike may affect Fleet Street tonight

Employees of most national newspapers are likely to be dismissed tonight after a decision yesterday by the Society of Editors and Allied Trades to close the largest printing industry.

Employees of the union's Fleet Street branch decided unanimously yesterday to withdraw Sogat labour from midnight to night from all Fleet Street newspapers owned by groups with interests in the Newspaper Society or the British Printing Industries Federation, the provincial press and general printing employers' organizations.

The council of the Newspaper Publishers' Association, representing Fleet Street managers, will meet in emergency session today to consider the situation.

Members of Sogat, in common with 100,000 print workers in other unions, were recently offered a pay deal, under Phase Three which included a threshold clause and basic wage increases of up to £3.05 a week.

Sogat is still without a pay deal and is therefore receiving no threshold payments. The union is demanding that a deal be signed by tomorrow night, in order to qualify for the 80p a week threshold payment which is likely to be introduced by Friday's announcement of the latest increase in the retail price index. It is seeking other benefits also, including the up-

grading of its lowest paid members. Leaders of the two employees' organizations met yesterday and reaffirmed that they could not meet Sogat's demands. They said in a statement that "printing employers throughout the country are determined to continue their firm and united stand against aggressive action being taken by Sogat."

The three-week old campaign has affected the publication of three provincial evening papers and about 60 newspapers as well as disrupting many general printing firms. Employers have told the union that their original offer is still on the table, and that Sogat's demands would breach the Phase Three pay ceiling.

Ascot's gaiety submerges violence threat

By Michael Horsnell

Long pretty dresses and 1920s wide-brimmed hats turned the first day of Royal Ascot into something approaching a Scott Fitzgerald party scene yesterday.

Despite the heavy security precautions taken by police and racecourse security services to protect the Queen and her entourage, including helicopters and patrols by dog handlers, the warm weather pushed any threat of violence into the background.

With other members of the Royal Family, the Queen drove down the mile-long straight stretch of the course at the head of a procession of open Landau's drawn by Windsor Greys, a tradition initiated by George IV 149 years ago.

The procession was of six coaches instead of the usual eight because for the first time in many years the Queen had no extra guests as she is not giving a house party during Ascot week.

Runners disqualified: The first three horses in the first race, the Queen Anne Stakes, were disqualified. They were Confusion (20-1), Grog (6-1), and Royal Prerogative (6-4 favourite).

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Draw Brazil World Cup

June 18—Brazil. Cup holders were outdrawn by Scotland in the first round of the World Cup. The need to beat Yugoslavia Saturday to be sure of the second round.

Pitt-Rivers archaeology collection for nation

By Geraldine Norman
The transfer to public ownership of the greater part of the famous archaeological collections of General Augustus Henry Pitt-Rivers (1827-1900) has finally been negotiated.

Bonn envoy takes up his post in E Berlin

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, June 18
Herr Günter Gaus, the permanent West German representative in East Berlin today, arrived in East Berlin today. He told reporters that the establishment of permanent representations marked a new phase in the policy between the two German states.

'Zhukov dead' report

Moscow, June 18.—Marshal Georgy Zhukov, who was Stalin's Defence Minister and commander of the Soviet armies which captured Berlin in 1945, died today aged 77, an unofficial Soviet source said. There was no immediate official confirmation.—UPI.

Equity market falls

The London equity market yesterday fell to its lowest level for many years. The Times index fell 3.38 to 103.39 and the Financial Times index was 7.8 off at 260.2. Selling was persistent but not heavy.

The Churchill Centenary Collection

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HOME NEWS

Building pay demands ignore social contract

From Paul Routledge
Blackpool
Building workers leaders yesterday voted to ignore the social contract between the TUC and the Government...

Review body seeks rise of 7 1/2% for doctors

By John Roper
Medical Reporter
Pay rises of at least 7 1/2 per cent within three years are recommended by the review body on their remuneration in its report published last night...

Restoration teams pick up the pieces

By Christopher Walker
Amid pools of black water and wreckage of charred wood, officials from the Department of the Environment yesterday began to assess the damage caused to the Houses of Parliament by the bomb explosion on Monday...



A fireman clears and sorts debris in one of the burnt offices at Westminster yesterday.

"The main work could take up to six months, although a proper estimate is impossible until the bomb squad has finished its investigations..."

Pay freeze 'may be forced on Government'

A wage freeze might be forced on the Government, Mr Martin Jukes, director-general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, said yesterday...

AUEW not demanding fines refund

From Raymond Farman
Labour Staff
Great Yarmouth
This Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers drew back yesterday from a proposal that it should demand reimbursement of the fines and damages which it has paid...

Seven face trial over helicopter escape

Seven men were charged at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday in connection with the helicopter escape from Mountjoy prison by three leading members of the Provisional IRA last October...

Protestant private armies in Northern Ireland refuse to negotiate with IRA

From Robert Fisk
Belfast
The immediate hope of a formal truce between the Protestant and Roman Catholic private armies in Northern Ireland vanished yesterday afternoon when the 'loyalist' Ulster Defence Association decided at a conference in east Belfast that it would not negotiate with the IRA...

Advertisement for 'THIS MONTH'S GOOD CAUSES' featuring various charities and their needs, including 'LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR' and 'CHARITIES AID FUND'.

Labour advised to reject N-east inquiry

By Michael Harfield
Political Staff
The Labour Party was recommended yesterday by its influential organization committee to reject proposals for a party inquiry into the affairs in the North-east...

Combined challenge on nationalization

By Our Political Staff
Government proposals for public ownership have been pushed to the fore by a political argument between the parties. Conservatives and Liberals are preparing to challenge the Government in a bill debate tomorrow...

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section including maps of the British Isles, temperature and pressure charts, and detailed forecasts for various regions like Channel Islands, E Coast, S Coast, and W Coast.

Chemical plant to reopen

By Our Technology Correspondent
The British Steel Corporation said last night that its chemical plant at Crews Hill, Bristol, will reopen on Friday...

Jailed priest seeking leave to appeal

Jail sentences on four members of a Midlands IRA unit are to be challenged in the Court of Appeal tomorrow...

SOME NEWS

London smallpox report proposes body of experts to impose a safety code for work with virus

A Roper Reporter
 A report on safety measures proposed by the committee required into the outbreak of smallpox in London in 1973, published yesterday, says that an outbreak occurred after a factory worker became ill on a visit to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and was admitted to St. Pancras Hospital, Paddington, with a fever and glandular fever, or until a week later that virus infection was reported, published yesterday.

health medical officer should be extended to enforce compulsory isolation of close smallpox contacts during the short period when the onset of symptoms was most likely. Experts and hospital doctors should be given booklets if smallpox broke out in their area.
 Substantial sums will be required if the recommendations are to be implemented, the report says, and urgent consideration should be given to the provision of grants.
 The report says that the laboratory at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine was grossly overcrowded and that the laboratory was not properly equipped for the important work carried out, and that probably applied to at least six other laboratories doing similar work in London.
 No simplified code of safety was made available to technicians and using the laboratories. There is an inadequate immunization policy. Too much was left to chance and to the initiative of individuals.
 The report comments that the non-medical research scientist who constantly handled pathogenic organisms might become somewhat relaxed in his attitude to danger. The danger of an unconscious relaxation of safety standards was one to be constantly guarded against.
 The report also says that no one thought that the disease which killed a married couple in London and made others ill was smallpox when they were first admitted to hospital.

It says that, notwithstanding the optimistic hopes for its future eradication, the disease when it occurs is as virulent and as dangerous as ever. At an early stage in the inquiry, it records, it became reasonably clear that the many mistakes which undoubtedly occurred, some of which contributed to the deaths of Mr and Mrs Thomas Hurley, sprang from defects in systems and organizations rather than because of individual culpability.
 The full consequences and cost of the outbreak were incalculable. Apart from the tragedy for the Hurley family, and the impact on people and institutions at the heart of the affair, there was disruption to the lives of countless others. London was declared a smallpox-infected area, which meant that great numbers of business and holiday travellers to and from the country cancelled or changed their plans. It seemed likely that some four to five million people were vaccinated. In financial terms, the cost might be reckoned in millions.
 Dr C. Gordon Smith, Dean of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said yesterday that since the London incident the school had drawn up a new set of safety regulations. They covered not only pathogens but chemical, radiological and fire hazards.
 Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Smallpox Outbreak in London in March and April 1973 (Command 5626, Stationery Office, £1.45).

New scheme to help lung disease miners

Miners affected by pneumoconiosis may soon find it much easier to get compensation without having to go to court, according to a report by the Department of Energy, published yesterday.
 The report says the National Coal Board and the unions are to work out a new scheme to bring "immediate satisfaction and relief" to the 39,000 existing victims and to provide better financial safeguards for those who get the lung disease. The Government will help present sufferers, but says the coal industry should make adequate provision for the future.
 Government backing will however, be subject to a satisfactory scheme of settlement being negotiated. The coal board is to draft the proposals, then work them out in detail with the unions.
 The report, the joint work of the Government, the board and the unions, says that the proposed scheme would relieve victims of the disease of the legal expenses incurred in fighting claims against the board in the courts. It would not remove existing legal rights, but the unions would encourage their members to accept any satisfactory scheme which could be worked out, and would not help to finance court actions.
 "Happily, not least due to the action that has been taken, the incidence of new cases of pneumoconiosis has greatly diminished over the years", the report adds.

Code of practice for crowd control urged by coroner Pop concert safety 'inadequate'

A code of practice was needed for crowd control at pop concerts, Dr John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, said yesterday at the inquest on Bernadette Whelan, aged 14, of Stockwell Park Road, London, who died after a David Cassidy concert.
 He recorded a verdict of accidental death on the girl who was crushed during the singer's concert at White City stadium, London, on May 25.
 Dr Burton said 10 minutes had elapsed between Bernadette Whelan's rescue and the moment she was first compressed by the crowd; two minutes longer than the maximum period a brain can survive without oxygen. She had died in Hammersmith hospital of traumatic asphyxia.
 Dr Burton said: "If you intentionally create an excited crowd, one has got to accept that the control you have over them must be experienced and must be effective. Looking at the

place, it is doubtful whether this type of enclosure would permit that type of control. What is needed is a genuine code of practice." He welcomed the Greater London Council's proposals to regulate concerts.
 Mr Peter Whelan, the girl's father, said: "I would not like any other parent to go through what we have been through. I hope this serves some purpose and that new recommendations will come out of it."
 Earlier, Mr Alec Moyes, a surveyor, told the inquest that he had warned the concert organizers that safety precautions were inadequate. He had made repeated efforts to find out about crowd control measures after his daughter had bought tickets for the concert.
 Mr Moyes said he had written to the G.L.C. objecting to the licence because he could not get an answer from the organizers. He went to the concert with his daughter and four other children.

"We could see no control being exerted on the crowd apart from Mr Bush shouting on the public address system. The security men were ranged round the front." He had gone to speak to the organizers.
 He spoke first to the security chief, then went to the commentary box and finally spoke to Mr Bush on the stage. He had told the promoter he was unhappy about what was going on in the crowd and that there were no stewards among the audience.
 Mr Bush told him that there had been a security problem but it was solved and he was a busy man and did not want to speak any more about it. No moves were made to stop people infiltrating to the front, as the crowd answered appeals to move back and relieve the crush. There should have been gangways through the audience patrolled by stewards, Mr Moyes said.

Paul Foot to face proceedings for contempt

Paul Foot, and the publishers of *Socialist Worker*, the left-wing paper he edits, are to face contempt of court proceedings for naming witnesses in the Janie Jones blackmail trial. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court yesterday granted the Attorney General leave to apply for a jail order against Mr Foot and the publishers over an article he wrote in the April 13 issue. The article disclosed the identities of two men—one of them a peer—who gave evidence at the trial. They had been referred to as Mr Y and Mr Z at the direction of the trial judge.
 Mr Gordon Slyn, for the Attorney General, said: "The article to which I have referred gave the names of the two men concerned, discussed the fact that their names had not been given in court, and commented on this position. It also said a number of other things about the two men."
 The publication was drawn to the attention of the trial judge, who referred the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions.
 Counsel added: "It is generally accepted that witnesses in blackmail cases will be deterred from going to the police and giving evidence in court unless their anonymity can be preserved." On that ground alone it was a matter of very great public importance.

Parole urged for 62 serving jail sentences

Two prisoners serving sentences were recommended for parole last year, a Parole Board said.
 It might soon be timely to revise the parole system in view of experience. "It seems likely that such changes as may be desired are not being brought about other reforms in the text of penal treatment changes in sentencing of 206 'lifers' were considered by the board last year. 10 were considered for release and 62 recommended subject to favour. Additionally, 10 whose life licence was revoked was recommended for immediate release, including 47 convicted for, eight of manslaughter, one of causing an explosion of unlawful interference with a car, and one of the report said that of

the 62, 18 were under 21 when the offence was committed. A total of 3,344 prisoners serving fixed sentences were recommended for parole in 1973, an increase of 14.29 per cent on the 2,926 in 1972.
 During 1973, the board considered 4,421 prisoners serving determinate sentences, 29 fewer than in 1972; 813 prisoners included within the 3,344 first mentioned—were released on licence under the "devolutionary" measure which came into force on January 1 last year.
 The Home Secretary paroled those 813 solely on the unanimously favourable recommendations of local review committees, without reference to the Parole Board, but this new arrangement did not apply to sentences of three years or more, or to certain offences, including those of violence, sex, arson or drug trafficking. In all 10,614 cases were dealt with.
 Report of the Parole Board for 1973. (House of Commons Paper 143, Stationery Office, 31p.)

Church to debate or right to elect bishops

The Church of England's Synod in York next month will consider a report by a committee that the Prime Minister, Mr J. Callaghan, or J. Anderson, of will propose that the church should rest with the House of Bishops. The report believes the House should still be in selection, the committee take part in talks with Government and leaders on the possibility of modifying the system to church more influence.

Claim against union may have been settled

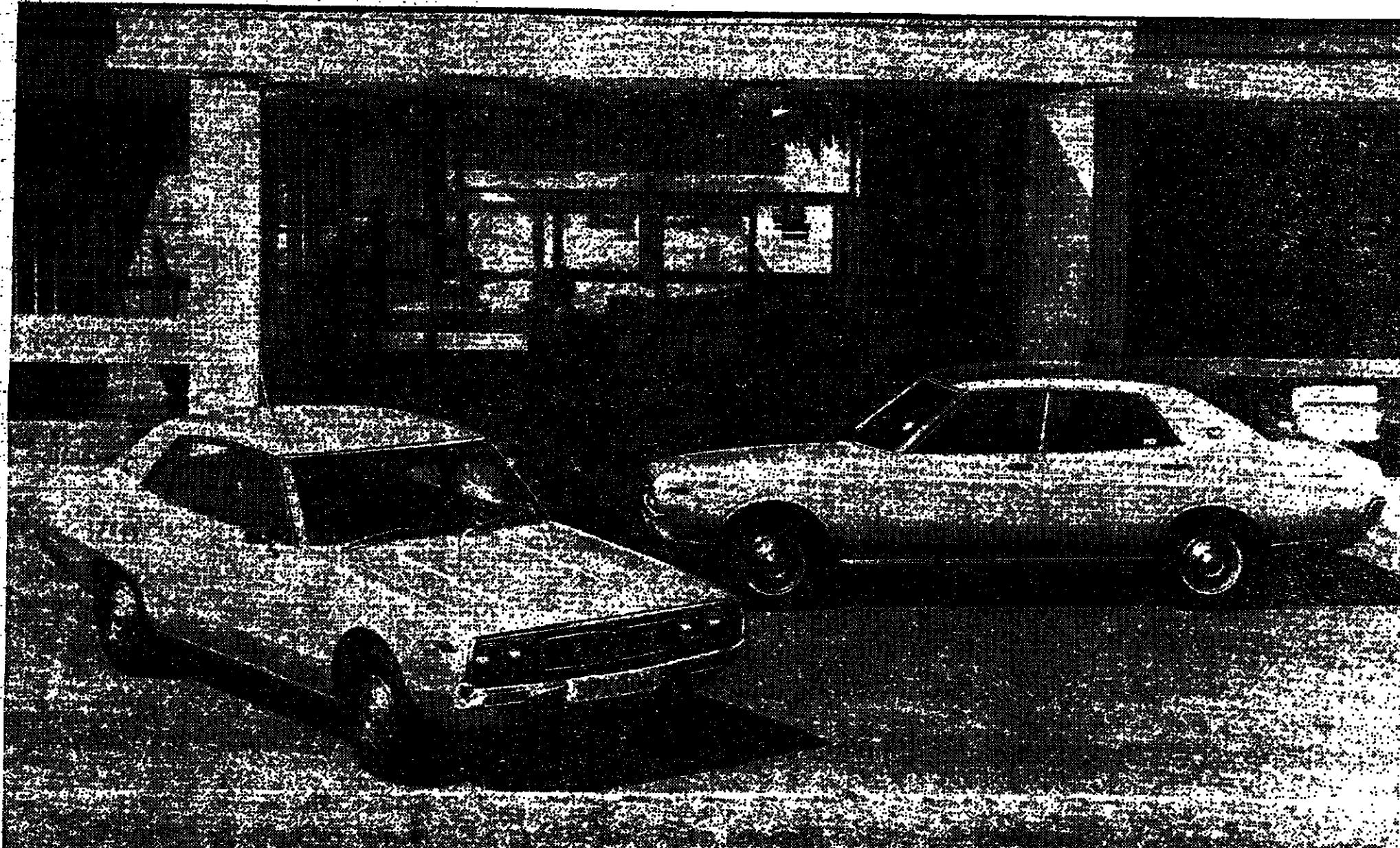
Another clash between the engineering workers' union and the National Industrial Relations Court seems to have been averted. A claim against the union, which has always defied the Industrial Court's orders, has been adjourned indefinitely and is believed to have been settled.
 The court was due to have heard yesterday a claim by Mr Alexander McCool, of Holland Road, East Ham, London, that AUEW pressure had cost him his job as a spot welder with Debatr Ltd, heater manufacturers.

Two men get cut in sentence

Two Surrey men who took part in a cheque fraud conspiracy won reductions in their jail sentences in the Court of Appeal yesterday.
 Peter John Starrow, aged 32, a company director, of Harrow Close, Chessington, and Brian Edward Osborn, aged 42, a clerk, of 10, Douglas Road, Tolworth, were each jailed at the Central Criminal Court on March 12 for two years for conspiring to defraud. The Court of Appeal reduced the sentences to a year in each case.

Four saved by casting vote on union Bill

Parliamentary Staff successive divisions on the Trade Union and Relations Bill yesterday defeated the casting vote of the Conservative.
 The Conservative division were called after the Conservative moved to Clause 9, concerned with acts in furtherance of trade union activities and also comes under a general heading of legal liability and damages.
 The division there were for a Conservative amendment to alter the clause, for the Government's do so. The Conservative support of Mr Cyril Liberal member for East London and the Government member for East London, Mr Gordon Henderson, Scots member for Aberdeen East.
 The case Sir Stephen Moutter, East, C) set out, in accordance with practice of the chair,



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economy on low-cost petrol really matters. Over 24,000 miles, according to figures in Motor, a Skyline could save you over £150 in fuel costs alone, compared with some executive cars. The Laurel could save even more. Yet both cars perform as effortlessly as big cars should.
 The Laurel gets its power from a 1990 c.c. four-cylinder engine; the Skyline has a 2,393 c.c. six-cylinder engine that gives speeds up to 110 m.p.h. There are power-assisted dual circuit brakes to pull you down from high speeds when other traffic hanks you, and plenty of punch to get back to your cruising speed quickly.
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HOME NEWS

Birmingham municipal architect took bribes, Crown says

From Arthur Osman Birmingham
John Alan Maudsley, aged 59, former Birmingham city architect, who was earning nearly £10,000 a year, told the police...

Scots' need for nuclear stations challenged

From Ronald Faux Duobar
A public inquiry opened yesterday into an application by the South of Scotland Electricity Board for approval of Torness Point, near Duobar, as a site for two nuclear power stations.

Vice-Chancellor backs calls for death inquiry

By Martin Huckerby
Demands for an inquiry into the death of Mr Kevin Gately after last Saturday's demonstration in London were supported yesterday by Mr John Butterworth, Vice-Chancellor of Warwick University.

In brief

£1.5m plan for Southend Pier

Southend Pier may have £1.5m of ratepayers' money spent on it over the next 10 years.

Richter recital off

A recital by Sviatoslav Richter at Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, was cancelled last night because the Russian pianist was suffering from hypertension and doctors ordered him not to travel from Moscow.

Tory choice

Miss Maureen Tomison, wife of Mr Maurice Tomison, was chosen as Mr Heath's Conservative choice for the next general election.

Singer had cannabis

George Fame, aged 30, the pop singer, admitted at Manchester Magistrates' Court yesterday of unlawful possession of cannabis at the Golden Garter Club, Wythenshawe, Manchester, on June 7.

Prince rejoins ship

The Prince of Wales rejoined his ship, Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia, yesterday after spending Monday night with Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mountbatten of Burma at Broadlands, Romsey, Hampshire.

Tourist's death fall

Miss Holly Susan Kirwin, an American tourist, of South Bend, Indiana, who was on holiday in Cornwall, fell 200ft to her death from cliffs at Land's End yesterday.

Policeman may appeal

An appeal is being considered by the legal advisers of Robert John Butolph, aged 27, the Norfolk policeman jailed at Norwich Crown Court on Monday for three years for raping a dancer with the Black and White Minstrel Show.

Canal restoration

Derbyshire County Council yesterday took over five miles of the derelict Cromford canal built 180 years ago near Matlock, which it plans to restore as a recreational waterway.

Ian Ball moved

Ian Ball, who is detained under the Mental Health Act for attempting to kidnap Princess Anne, has been moved from Brixton prison to Rampton special hospital, Nottinghamshire.

WEST EUROPE

Mr Benn seeks EEC views on state industrial aid policy

From Roger Northwood Brussels, June 18
Mr. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Industry, was in Brussels today seeking information about the likely extent of EEC restrictions on state aid to industries and development regions.

Optimism in Italy that crisis can be solved

From Peter Nichols Rome, June 18
Leaders of all the coalition parties met throughout today under the chairmanship of Signor Mariano Rumor, the Prime Minister, in an effort to prevent the final fall of the Government.

Harriers deployed for first time in big Nato exercise

From Henry Stathopoulos Defence Correspondent Paderborn, June 18
Watched by East German radar from over the border 40 miles away, the 36 Harrier aircraft in RAF Germany are taking part this week in their first big Nato exercise here.

Danish Queen in W Germany

Brill, June 18 - Queen Margrethe of Denmark arrived here today for a four-day state visit to West Germany, the first by a Danish monarch in 61 years.

Jail for murder of British girl

Wiener Neustadt, Jun Yugoslav worker was 20 years last night murder of Miss Martin aged 21, a British-born maid. The daughter of Army driver who had Austria, she had lived Cornwall, until she was 20, Vienna by her mother.

Jury told they cannot give full acquittal

Mr Justice Boreham warned the jury hearing the case at Exeter Crown Court in which a man is charged with four murders not to allow emotion to play a part in their deliberations.

Libel suit by Mme Sukarno

Dewi Sukarno, aged 33, widow of the former President of Indonesia, is bringing a libel action against the publishers of a book about Norma Levy, a prostitute.

Ancient house found

Remains of a boat-shaped house dating from the twelfth century have been uncovered at St Andrews, Fife, during archaeological excavation.

Correction

Labour's majority at Southwark, Dulwich, in the general election was 5,341, not 18,071, as stated in a report on prospective candidates on June 15.

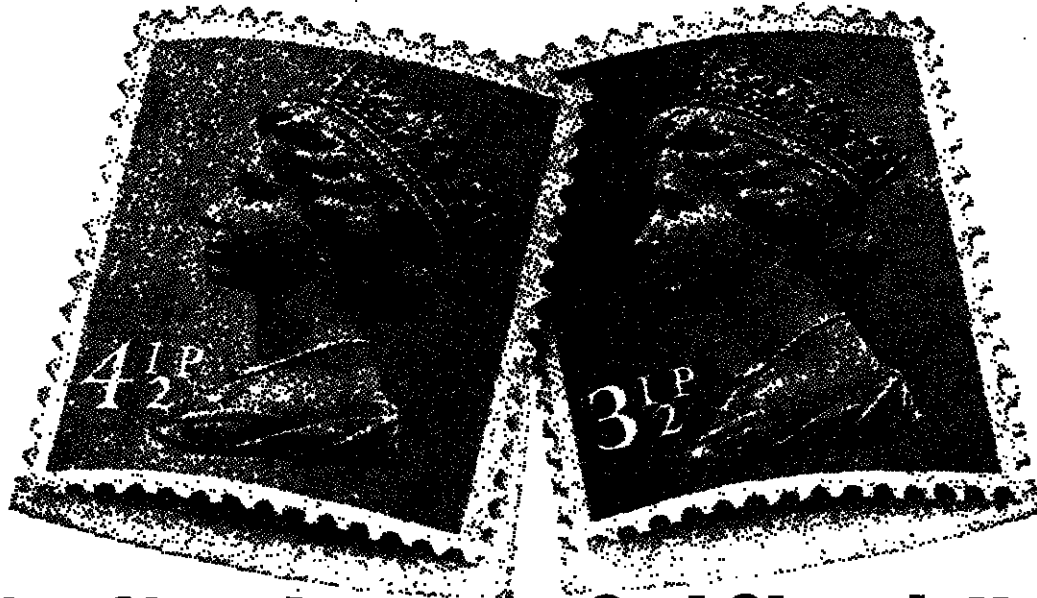
Move to stop commission carrying out court order

An unprecedented attempt is to be made in the High Court next week to stop the Commission on Industrial Relations complying with an order of the National Industrial Relations Court.

Plot to rig postal votes in TV programme alleged

Three members of the New World pop group were concerned in a plot to rig postal votes in their favour on the Independent Television programme Opportunity Knocks, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

New Inland and Overseas postal rates from 24 June



1st Class letters - up to 2oz: 4½p
2nd Class letters - up to 2oz: 3½p

Postal rates increase from 24 June. The changes will affect inland and some Overseas postal rates. The table below shows the new inland rates. Leaflets containing details of the new rates for Inland, Overseas and Forces Mail are available from Post Offices. Some Postal and Money Order charges will also increase.

Table with 2 columns: Inland letters and Inland parcels. It lists weight and rate for various classes of mail.

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EUROPE

Britain says Europe's arms production must be linked to US

Britain's Government has said that co-operation in the production of arms must be linked to the United States... The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Roy Hattersley, said in a speech to the House of Commons...

Mr. Hattersley said that the Government's policy was to ensure that any arms production in Europe was linked to the United States... He said that the Government was not in favour of a separate European arms market...

Further Giscard blow at social and pomp

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's further blow at social and pomp... The President's decision to wear a blue dress uniform and cap instead of the traditional military uniform...

Police strike pleases Spanish drivers

Police strike pleases Spanish drivers... The strike by municipal policemen in Madrid has been welcomed by motorists who were frustrated by traffic jams...

Deal to enoa overruled

Deal to enoa overruled... The Supreme Court has ruled against a deal that would have allowed a group of prisoners to be released...

£14m dock

£14m dock... Work is to begin soon on the construction of a new dock in Liverpool, valued at £14 million...

ring views on fighting poverty in Britain

ring views on fighting poverty in Britain... Social Security has been criticized for its role in fighting poverty, with some arguing that it creates a culture of dependency...

OVERSEAS

King Husain pays glowing tribute to Mr Nixon although nothing new emerges on Palestinian issue

King Husain pays glowing tribute to Mr Nixon... The Jordanian King's visit to the United States is seen as a significant step towards peace in the Middle East, although no new breakthroughs were announced...

Full text of statement from Amman talks

Full text of statement from Amman talks... The President agreed with His Majesty and promised, in cooperation with the Congress, to play a crucial role in the Jordanian military strength... The statement details the discussions between the President and King Husain regarding the Jordanian military and economic cooperation...

Gen Spinoza flies for talks with US President

Gen Spinoza flies for talks with US President... General Spinoza is expected to meet with President Nixon in the Azores, where he will discuss the situation in Portugal and the role of the United States...

Greek ex-minister denies meat scandal charges

Greek ex-minister denies meat scandal charges... The former minister has denied charges of corruption and bribery related to a meat scandal in Greece, claiming that the allegations are unfounded...

Nato leader says Soviet Union 'not to be trusted'

Nato leader says Soviet Union 'not to be trusted'... NATO Secretary-General Dr. Joseph Luns has warned that the Soviet Union cannot be trusted, particularly in the context of the Middle East conflict...

Israel bombs Lebanon guerrilla bases

Israel bombs Lebanon guerrilla bases... Israeli aircraft attacked five Arab guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon, causing significant damage and casualties...



Mrs Margaret Trudeau, wife of the Canadian leader, with Dr Luns at an informal gathering in Ottawa yesterday.

at an atmosphere of consultation and cooperation... Mrs. Trudeau and Dr. Luns discussed the current European Security Conference and the role of NATO in maintaining peace in the Middle East...

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OVERSEAS

Attorney General predicts 'more surprises' over Watergate and criticizes President Nixon

From Fred Emery Washington, June 18 Mr William Saxbe, the Attorney General, last night said "surprises are going to keep coming" in the Watergate scandal. He sharply criticized President Nixon's conduct.

supervising the grand jury proceedings. From the President's edited tape transcripts, it appears that Mr Petersen thought he was reporting to a President determined to pursue a thorough investigation rather than a cover-up. The transcripts at Mr Saxbe noted, show the President assuring Mr Petersen that whatever he told him would never go outside this room. "But it did," Mr Saxbe said.

others, too. He said Mr Richardson, the former Attorney General, was wrong to resign when ordered by Mr Nixon to sack Professor Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor, last October. He should have told the President: "Mr Cox stays," he said. Mr Saxbe said he would never sack the present special prosecutor, Mr Jaworski.



Mr and Mrs Panov with a reminder of their homeland, a Russian wolfhound puppy, in Tel Aviv

Panov gets ballet offer from Britain

Tel Aviv, June 18—President Nixon's forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union will certainly force the authorities there to move against Jewish and other dissidents, Valery Panov, the Russian ballet star, predicted today.

thought "quiet diplomacy" was more effective "in getting Jews out" of Russia than publicity campaigns. Mr Panov said he had received a number of offers, including one from the British Royal Festival Ballet Company, but he would not make up his mind until after he was "back in physical shape, in about four months".

Miss Jennie Walton, a member of British Actors Equity, presented the Panovs with a silver goblet from the "theatre people of Britain who worked for their release"—AP.

Tapes 'hush money' discrepancy

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, June 18 President Nixon who, in his last national television broadcast on Watergate said he "did not intend the further payments" of hush money a year ago, is reported today to have said at the time he was "planning to assume some culpability on that".

the President how he told Mr Ehrlichman, the former White House staff member on March 22, 1973, he believed Mr John Mitchell, the former Attorney General, had solved the problem of Mr Hunt's demands. D: "Ehrlichman said at that time, he said: 'Well, it's that problem with Hunt straightened out.' He said it to me and I said: 'Well, ask the man who may know: Mitchell'. And Mitchell said: 'I think that problem is solved'."

was prepared at the request of one of the members who presumably is pro-impeachment. The counsel gives a warning that some of the passages could be interpreted in a different fashion from those apparent. It is, however, about the only admission placed in Mr Nixon's mouth that he was assuming any "culpability" in the whole scandal.

Amin threat on firms' cash

Kampala, June 18—President Amin has said that some British firms expecting compensation as a result of his nationalisation policy may be surprised when instead they are asked to pay a lot of money he says they owe to Ugandan banks.

Kurds say Soviet pilots are bombing them

By Our Foreign Staff The Kurdish rebels in Iraq believe that Soviet pilots are flying on combat missions with the Iraq Air Force.

Australia to protest to France and China

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, June 18 Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, said in Canberra today that it was a matter of deep concern that the Chinese Government had conducted another nuclear test.

Advertisement for the book "1979 - Halfway to 1984...". The ad features a large headline "MUST THIS HAPPEN TO BRITAIN?", a cartoon illustration of a woman with a sword, and text promoting the book's analysis of the political and economic situation in Britain. It includes a coupon for a free copy and contact information for the publisher, Aries of Industry (Bookists).

United States) and with other Arab governments, most of which are on bad terms with the Baghdad regime. Earlier this month two delegates from the Kurdistan Democratic Party—both former ministers in the Iraq Government—arrived in New York to present a "communication concerning gross violations of human rights in Kurdistan" to the United Nations. With the communication was a covering letter to Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, from General Barzani, alleging that "the hottest war on earth is being fought against the Kurdish people by their own Government".

Priests attack Saigon corruption

From Victoria Britain Saigon, June 18 Car loads of armed police blocked the main road in Gia Dinh, a suburb of Saigon, today trying to prevent a group of conservative Roman Catholic priests from holding a press conference protesting against corruption in the highest ranks of government.

Pakistan plans to build up its defence

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, June 18 Mr Aziz Ahmed, 3 State for Defence and Affairs, said in the Assembly today that will strengthen its defence by building up its nuclear device.

Survey gives warning on nuclear build-up

By Pearce Wright Science Correspondent A survey of world stockpiles of arms and progress in disarmament negotiations, published yesterday by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, provides a timely analysis of the nuclear arsenals of the United States and Soviet Union before the summit meeting of President Nixon and Mr Brezhnev.

The research institute that more countries are building up their nuclear arsenals. The design and production of major conventional weapons capable of increasing from five (the United States, Soviet Union, Canada and Sweden) than 30.

An indication of this is given in a comparative analysis of the two arsenals. More land-based nuclear missiles with multiple independently targeted reentry vehicles (MIRVs) were deployed by the United States, bringing the number of independent warheads on strategic missiles to nearly 6,000.

Air girl fined for banned

Johannesburg, June 18 A young woman, Miss Pretorius, aged 23, has been fined 210 rand for wearing a bikini at a beach.

16 killed in fire explosion in Lal

Lahore, June 18 Punjab State Government ordered all fireworks to move out of the area of Lahore city explosion there last night.

THEATRES
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THE ARTS

Preminger: making autocracy work

Bastia, Corsica
To most cineastes Rosebud is the name of a sled, and quite a famous sled too. But to Otto Preminger it is the yacht which carries five kidnapped heiresses across the Mediterranean. Moreover it gives the title to the film he is making in Corsica at the moment, before moving on to Paris, Hamburg, Berlin and finally Israel on the trail of the captured ladies.



Otto Preminger and Robert Mitchum

Preminger dominates the tiny new harbour at Bastia, while sweating extra clamber up and down the gangway to the yacht Scaramoro. The bulky vessel named after one of Corsica's heroes of the last war. The local recruits seem less adroit than those who would be at hand in Hollywood. Preminger for that matter, and from time to time Preminger tells them so. The only old-fashioned thing about him is the Panama hat, of the type favoured by Sidney Greenstreet in Across the Pacific, used to protect the shaven and already gleaming head from the sun. Not far away is Eric Preminger, son of Otto and Gypsy Rose, who is writing the script for Rosebud, but for the stars of the film—Robert Mitchum, Cliff Gorman, Claude Dauphin, Raf Vallone—it is a day off.

I now think in American not German; perhaps there are too many memories.
In many ways Preminger resembles his fellow Viennese, Rudolf Bing. Both have had their great successes in America, but both learnt in Europe the need to keep the ultimate power of decision in their own hands. Both are autocrats, and both have made autocracy work.
'I made my gesture of independence in Hollywood with The Moon is Blue, which I produced and directed myself. Why should I not produce? When the film is finished, the director who carries the can for the results, so why not be producer as well and take the rewards where they exist? After Moon I only made two other pictures for other people: River of No Return [which like Rosebud stars Mitchum] and Carmen Jones [with Sam Goldwyn. Goldwyn knew nothing about directing pictures, but I enjoyed working for him because I was one of the few people who ever answered him back, cementing coming out of my office one day and finding some chairs underneath the window of my room: some of the staff had been standing on them for the sheer pleasure of tuning in to our conversations. I think they had good value.'

Wearing well

Giselle Coliseum

The Bolshoi Giselle is, except in the tiniest details, unchanged since it first astonished and delighted Londoners in 1956. Then it made Western productions seem trivial. It wears well, and if the impact today is less breathtaking, that is because our stagings have lavishly borrowed ideas from it. Also, present casts cannot hope to equal the legendary Ur-cast, nor the amazingly expressive chorus of that time.

Yuri Papko, clumsily ardent, makes an excellent replacement for the redoubtable Vladimir Vassiliev as Giselle's village admirer, Tatiana Bessmertnova, Natalia's young sister, is a commanding Myrtha, with impressive elevation in her solos. Marina Leonova proves disappointingly to lack authority for the role; a surprise after her admirable solos in Swan Lake.

A superb machine

Berlin PO/Karajan Festival Hall

The orchestra's sound is of course astonishing as much in power and range of volume as in colour; astonishing even after the discs and broadcasts, since, at least in this concert, they sounded less luxuriant than their recorded image. The concert was an event of supreme professionalism, a product of the sure understanding between orchestra and conductor long and thoroughly associated. It was appropriate that Karajan should take his applause both with and before his orchestra, for the strengths and beauties of their performances were as much a result of this symbiosis as of the qualities of an individual. And it was right, too, that they should be playing the maturest fruits of a professional tradition, Brahms's symphonies—on this occasion the Second and Fourth.

There was no question of undue speed (except perhaps in the third movement of No 4); the effort was rather of an energy working itself through the symphonic processes, generating, developing and finding its points of rest. The final, with its last movement of No 2, was a burst of power that could still amaze at the end of a most powerful evening.

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Under Milk Wood

James Roose-Evans is to direct and design a new production of T.S. Eliot's Under Milk Wood, with a cast headed by Francis Cuka, which will open at the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, London, NW1, on Monday, June 24, for a seven-week season.

New London Singers

The New London Singers, an amateur choir from the Marblebone Institute, conducted by Geoffrey Mitchell, has won the first prize at the International Festival of Choral Music held at Tours. The choir also received the Grand Prix and an award of £500.

The National Theatre at the Old Vic
Edward Bond's vigorous and exciting translation of Frank Wedekind's SPRING AWAKENING
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The Dallas Theatre Center

The Dallas Theatre Center is built on a hair-raising contradiction. As a teaching institution, its fixed policy is to discourage students from looking for results. But in the main theatre it must find results or perish.

clearly written by people who had something to say, rather than by would-be writers hypnotizing themselves into the creative act. As one of these strikes an outstanding new American playwright, Miss Nell, short-change the interesting work of the other two. Sally Netzel's Fuse, coinciding uncannily with the SLA shoot-out, is a piece of American crisis dialogue. Two ebbing runaways are captured by a guerrilla outfit who are planning to blow the place up. Ruled by a California-style priestess, this little cult includes a drop-out Christian, a middle-class Panther, and guttural Vietnam veteran who blend together by a queer violence of words. They meet their adversary in the person of the rebel scientist whose products they are about to destroy.

ART EXHIBITIONS

ROYAL SOCIETY OF BRITISH ARTISTS
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Baker's theatre is a godsend to its community, whether you look at it from the viewpoint of acting and design standards, or from that of the self-discovery which members enjoy. But the principle of tolerance, however valuable in his teaching, is not the best approach to play selection. Some of the Playmaker shows were so good that you were left better up by her TV sportsman how can you resist a play that opens with a 14-year-old boy winking five dollars out of a cop by threatening to denounce him as a child molester.

DANIEL YVONNE MASSEY MITCHELL CLIVE PENELLOPE FRANCIS WILTON MOYRA FRASER
Bloomsbury by PETER LUKE
Phoenix Theatre
PREVIEWS from July 3 OPENS July 10

Spike Milligan Adelphi

"We haven't organized anything, so nothing can go wrong." With that crafty disclaimer, Spike Milligan launches what turns out to be a remarkably smooth evening; a good deal more polished than the first nights of Oblomov and the Milligan Treasure Island. Also funnier.

London debuts

The Bowes Ensemble is small, youthful, and was conducted by Jonathan Del Mar. They did two Bach concertos—the D minor for violin and cello, and the Brandenburg No 4. This latter was quite good, being firm, unanimous and enthusiastic. Beyond which there is little, as yet, to say. Sharing the concert was Samuel Spink, who played viola and viola d'amore accompanied by his wife, Sylvia Spink, at the piano. He offered trifles such as a Beethoven minuet in his own arrangement, a resolutely featureless Moto Perpetuo by David Moule-Evans, and other things, but exhibited, I am afraid, a small, scratchy tone, and was often out of tune.

Irving Wardle

It is a god-given situation, and Jones exploits it marvellously. First, there are the absurdities of the ceremony itself, with the cigar-chewing barman and Lu Ann's alcoholic brother dressing up as the green-skinned giant whom the clock stopped with the First War. Now, incredibly, they have a new recruit, a gormless youth from the next town; and the lights prepare for a full initiation ceremony.

In view of the present concern with authenticity, it is odd that we never hear Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata on an arpeggione. A clever instrument-maker, surely, could do a reconstruction? Ferdinand Erlich played this melodiously rambling piece on the viola, and, as he commands greater freedom of movement than many of that instrument's exponents, the effect was rather good. Yet, even if it was sanctioned by the composer, one cannot approve of the reconstruction. Erlich's playing of the Sonata Op 120 No 2 being transferred to viola, whereon it is much less telling. Particularly in this case, world of Busoni's virtuoso transcription of the Bach Chaconne, which shrinks under pressure. He has a stronger leading artery. Hindemith's sterner fare of which the Sonata Op 11 No 4, at the piano, has Paul Hamburger clemently judged account.

SPORT

Yugoslavia emphasise abyss in standards

From Gerald Slunstad Gelsenkirchen, June 18 Yugoslavia 9 Zaire 0 The rout in which Yugoslavia beat Zaire nine goals to one tonight disclosed an abyss between the standards of the best in Europe and the best in Africa...

Fighting Scots reduce the world champions to mediocrity

From Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent Frankfurt, June 18 Scotland 0 Brazil 0 Although Scotland played a fighting second half almost to topple Brazil in the presence of Mr Harold Wilson the Prime Minister, in the World Stadium here tonight, their goalless draw ironically leaves fate beyond their hands...



Jordan, Scotland's centre forward in a strange entanglement with Pereira.

But before approaching the problems of the future it must be said that although Brazil called the tune for most of the first half Scotland refused to dance to it and after the Prime Minister's arrival the enthusiasm of the 50,000 crowd—large sections of them waving yellow Scottish banners and shouting 'Scotland'—wore the reigning world champions. But for a touch on two occasions they could have won and virtually assured themselves of a place in the quarter-finals...

Scots had made two adventurous changes in bringing in Morgan for Law and Buchan for Blackley started in the right style by the weekend of Scotland must now beat Yugoslavia to move on. But no one at this point can take a chance. Scotland having made two adventurous changes in bringing in Morgan for Law and Buchan for Blackley started in the right style by the weekend of Scotland must now beat Yugoslavia to move on. But no one at this point can take a chance.

Cricket A doubly satisfying win for Close

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent BATEY Somerset (16 wickets) beat Yorkshire (7) by seven wickets. Since scoring 138 in the last 20 overs to beat Kent at Taunton eight days ago, Somerset have gone from strength to strength. They have reached the semi-finals of the Benson & Hedges County Championship in a thrilling Sunday League, and now beaten them again in the county championship. Needing 144 to win, Somerset got them on paper at any rate, with something to spare.

Yorkshire fought hard yesterday to save themselves. They might just conceivably have done it had Close been caught on the long leg boundary at 64 and Sharp on all people, had not dropped Kitchen in successive overs off Hutton, with the score in the nineties. From 115 Somerset were 100 for 1, but they were not to be deterred. They had Somerset's last five wickets had to make say 50 between them, they might have struggled. But there seemed no way that Kitchen could get out once Sharp had spared him. Having played uncommonly well for his first 30, he went through a difficult half-hour before finishing off the match with a flourish. Batey, like Sharp, led him off twice by the time he could go and give his show a victory run. Kitchen's show is as well known a dog as Robin Hobbs's galmanian used to be.

Indians win after a few anxious moments

By Alan Gibson Gloucester: The Indians beat Gloucestershire by five wickets. It was a good win by the Indians, though they had some anxious moments. In the morning a lively innings by Grayson, with support from Mortimore, gave the Gloucestershire score to 220, which meant that the Indians had to make 135 to win. The pitch was a little better than on the previous day, but not for the first bowlers. The Indians started knocking off the runs at four to the over, and they wanted an early run of a chance to look at the Cathedral.

Bedi, with nine wickets, none of them lower than No. 8 in the order, did not have much competition. Stovold was given the Gloucestershire bowlers a very good start, and kept wickets capably on the whole, even though he faltered on the last morning. An additional 23 runs were scored in the second, giving him match average of 44. His three previous highest scores in first class cricket have been 47, 47 and 47. The Gloucestershire crowd (not a large one, but it was a chilly day) much appreciated this generous gesture towards an 18-year-old left-hander, jovial Jessopian Jack.

Arnold to replace Willis

Bob Willis, the War fast bowler, has withdrawn from the England team to play Lord's in the second Test which begins tomorrow. He is replaced by Geoffrey Arnold. Arnold had been withdrawn from the first Manchester because of a knee injury assumed to be replaced by Head. Willis tested his strain at Edgbaston yesterday. After conceding 17 runs in his first over, he was lashed just one over, but wavered and went off to Lord's to join the England team.

County champs

Table listing county championship results, including teams like Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, and their respective scores and wickets.

Surrey halt Hampshire impressive run

By Peter Marson THE OVER: Surrey (4 wickets) drew with Hampshire (9). Hampshire's impressive run of successes in the county championship ended yesterday. For the second time in six matches they were obliged to settle for even points. In this direction an even balance exists with 42 points, Hampshire's strength over all. Their batsmen and bowlers had done enough to keep Hampshire's place as the top—this has been a feat of a single point by Worcester last year. Hampshire, of course, to have enabled them to cut down their then nearest rivals, Surrey.

Results yesterday

Table of football results from yesterday, including matches like West Germany 3-0 Australia, East Germany 1-0 West Germany, and others.

Today's matches

Table listing today's football matches, such as Group three (Netherlands v Sweden) and Group four (Baltic v Poland).

Favourites jeered as they beat Australia

West Germany 3-0 Australia 0 Hamburg, June 18.—West Germany, the World Cup favourites, coasted to an easy Group one victory over Australia here today but were jeered by the thousands of fans who were present for their own supporters. For a period in the first half the Germans began to show glimpses of their real talent, as they in their third goal they relaxed and played possession football. Overach, once again preferred in midfield to Kasper, was brilliant in the first half and took West Germany into the lead with a fierce shot into the top of the net from 20 yards in the 12th minute.

Overach's midfield partner, Cullmann, added the second German goal in the 34th minute, nodding in a cross from Hoernes, and the third in the 45th minute, scoring in the 1570 World Cup, opened his account in this tournament by heading the third eight minutes after the interval. Against the European champions, Australia could feel well satisfied with their margin of defeat—and almost snatched a surprising goal of their own when their substitute, Albert, scored in the 57th minute from the end. Already without their good midfielder player, Warren, because of a foot injury, Australia suffered a further setback in the second half when Johnston was off the field for ten minutes for treatment to a leg injury.

Chile save match after brilliant rally

East Germany 1-0 Chile 1 West Berlin, June 18.—A magnificent second half rally earned Chile a 1-1 draw against East Germany in a rugged game tonight. Each side was left with an equal chance of qualifying for the quarter-final round. Australia, who had beaten West Germany, and Chile, who had beaten East Germany, were the two favourites to qualify. Chile's goal came from a free-kick after the Chilean full-back Garcia had committed his third foul in five minutes.

The first half had little to commend it. In the interval between the two goals, three players had been taken off the pitch. Valz just 50 seconds after Hoffmann's goal for a foul on Fischer. Four minutes later came a free kick which was completely dominated by Kische who tucked Veliz dangerously. Chile mounted one attack after the other. The giant Figueroa, superbly marshalling the side after Valdes was substituted at the interval, smashed a shot against the goal and one minute later Veliz was left beating the ground in despair as his shot went straight to goalkeeper Kische.

Leicester v Notts

Leicester 1-0 Notts Nottingham, June 18.—Leicester beat Nottingham by one goal in the first of two matches in the Nottinghamshire League. Leicester's first innings was 24 for 0, and Notts' first innings was 14 for 0. Leicester's second innings was 17 for 0, and Notts' second innings was 11 for 0. Leicester won the match by 11 runs.

Essex v Middlesex

Essex 1-0 Middlesex London, June 18.—Essex beat Middlesex by one goal in the first of two matches in the Essex League. Essex's first innings was 24 for 0, and Middlesex's first innings was 14 for 0. Essex's second innings was 17 for 0, and Middlesex's second innings was 11 for 0. Essex won the match by 11 runs.

Derby v Lancashire

Derby 1-0 Lancashire Derby, June 18.—Derby beat Lancashire by one goal in the first of two matches in the Derby League. Derby's first innings was 24 for 0, and Lancashire's first innings was 14 for 0. Derby's second innings was 17 for 0, and Lancashire's second innings was 11 for 0. Derby won the match by 11 runs.

Warwick v Worcester

Warwick 1-0 Worcester Warwick, June 18.—Warwick beat Worcester by one goal in the first of two matches in the Warwick League. Warwick's first innings was 24 for 0, and Worcester's first innings was 14 for 0. Warwick's second innings was 17 for 0, and Worcester's second innings was 11 for 0. Warwick won the match by 11 runs.

Uruguay look to youth and attack

Hanover, June 18.—Uruguay, holding a radically changed team, tackled the defensive Bulgarians here tomorrow evening in a crucial World Cup match for which the prize may prove to be a place in the second round. The Netherlands, who beat Uruguay here 2-0 on Saturday, must be favourites to take the other qualifying place in Group Three. The Bulgarians, who were working out a new defensive strategy, are expected to play a more attacking game than they did in their previous matches.

Italy will lie in wait for Argentina

Stuttgart, June 18.—Argentina must beat Italy tomorrow in Group four to give themselves a chance of qualifying for the quarter-final round. Argentina, who were beaten by Italy 2-0 on Saturday, must be favourites to take the other qualifying place in Group Four. Italy, who were beaten by Argentina 2-0 on Saturday, must be favourites to take the other qualifying place in Group Four.

Dutch certain to finish top of group

Dortmund, June 18.—The Netherlands, a step away from the World Cup second round, look certain to finish first tomorrow with their first victory over Sweden for a quarter of a century. The clever and powerful Dutchmen are clear favourites to lead the group. They have already won their first two matches and are expected to continue their winning run.

Poland are being tipped to reach the final

Munich, June 18.—Poland meet Haiti here tomorrow in a group four World Cup match overshadowed by a doping scandal that has put the Caribbean side's centre forward by Udeley and Cardinal out of the competition. With the barring of Jean-Joseph and the dismay this has caused in the Haitian camp, the Poles look certain to win easily. Already they have achieved a 3-2 win against Argentina, a match which is being described as the best in the cup. The coach, Kazimierz Gorski, is planning to send out the same team tomorrow evening.

Today's cricket

Leicester: Leicester v Notts. Essex: Essex v Middlesex. Derby: Derby v Lancashire. Warwick: Warwick v Worcester. Nottingham: Nottingham v Leicestershire. Oxford: Oxford University v Yorkshire. Lancashire: Lancashire v Warwickshire. Second XI Competition: Worcester II v Gloucester II.

Rugby Union

Rhodesia 6 British Lions 42 Salisbury, June 18.—The British Lions rugby team beat Rhodesia by three goals, three penalty goals, a dropped goal and three tries to two penalty goals today. It was the eleventh match of their tour and their eleventh victory. The Lions, who are captained by John Jeffrey, were in excellent form. They scored 42 points to Rhodesia's 6. The match was played at the Rhodesia Cricket Ground in Salisbury.

Today's boxing

Over for his second try. He gathered the ball 25 yards out, kicked ahead, regained the ball on the run, and scored five yards in from touch. The Rhodesians were not disappointed and kept up their attack, attacking play. However, in the fifth minute a moment of defensive hesitation by Lendrum led to another Lions try. Edwards kicked ahead and Slattery charged down Lendrum's kick and scored. With five minutes to go, Irvine converted a try by Slattery into a goal. The score was 25-6 with a penalty from 45 yards. Irvine began the second half with another penalty, after six minutes. Three minutes later, Grace went over for his second try. He gathered the ball 25 yards out, kicked ahead, regained the ball on the run, and scored five yards in from touch.

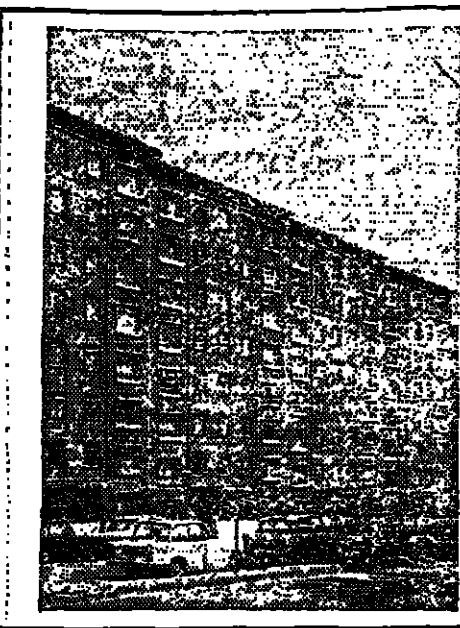
Irvine collects 22 points for the Lions

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Conteh says can beat Foster for ti

Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 17.—The world light fly boxing champion, Bob Foster, told his title here tonight that he would fight Argentinean boxer Conteh. Foster, who is currently on a losing streak, is expected to fight Conteh in a rematch of their previous fight. Conteh, who is currently on a winning streak, is expected to fight Foster in a rematch of their previous fight. The fight is scheduled for next month in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Muddle that endangered part of our heritage

The fate of the collections formed by General August Henry Pitt-Rivers, the father of modern scientific archaeology and anthropology, has generated a lot of steam for a long time. Today it has been announced that the important English archaeological collections have been acquired by the nation, donated by Mrs Stella Pitt-Rivers, widow of the general's grandson, Captain George Pitt-Rivers. Now some of the story of activity and misunderstanding can be told.

In December, 1972, *The Times* published an article pointing out that the general's museum at Farnham had been closed for nine years and that sales appeared to have been made from the collection, particularly Benin bronzes. We received many outraged letters from scholars and members of the family. The impact of this was nearly counter-productive.

The concept that objects of great artistic or historical importance belong to the national patrimony first and to their actual owners second has never been enshrined in law. Mrs Pitt-Rivers did not like being dictated to; foreign offers suddenly looked doubly tempting. The problem of the English collections is now resolved, but it is perhaps worth remembering, Mrs Pitt-Rivers remains the sole owner of the general's parallel collection of European (including Irish) archaeological material, and other subsidiary collections.

One of the most remarkable men

The general was one of the most remarkable Englishmen of the late nineteenth-century. He is most famous for his archaeological excavations in Cranborne Chase; his finds include bronze age, iron age, Roman, British and Anglo-Saxon material, but most remarkable were his methods. Every detail of the excavations was documented and illustrated by scale models; his primary interest lay in the life-style of the primitive settlement rather than in "finds" and not relevant information, however apparently important, was to be lost. His four-volume *Excavations in Cranborne Chase* published between 1880 and 1893 are still a landmark in the history of archaeology; a highly important source of reference on the pre-history of Britain.

A second son, he had entered the army. He fought in the Crimea and was an originator of the Hythe school of military training and tactics. He was fascinated by the hazardous succession of modifications and improvements that had brought the modern machine of death into existence.

In 1880 he succeeded by a fluke of multiple deaths to the Roman villa of the Cranborne Chase, becoming one of the wealthiest landowners in England. He dived into archaeology and continued to collect. For the improvement of the public he turned an old gypsy school at Farnham into an archaeological museum.

The misunderstandings started at his death in 1900. There was a law suit between his son Alexander and the trustees of the estate over the museum collections; they claimed that it was the general's intention to turn the collections into a charitable trust. His son argued that they were his personal property, and he won the case. The museum started to go downhill and was soon closed to the public.

It did not get a lease of life until the accession of Captain George Pitt-Rivers, Alexander's son, in 1928. Himself a distinguished ethnographer, he refurbished the museum and reopened it. He and his third wife, Stella, devoted 20 years to sorting and cataloguing the collections.

In the general's day the Farnham museum had contained the products of local excavations, scale models of the digs, and a room devoted to the collection of agricultural implements. George Pitt-Rivers moved more of the general's collections from the family home down to the museum, notably his Benin bronzes and European archaeological collection.

But we have now reached the 1940s and 1950s. Life is no longer so easy for a landowner

with the pressure of taxation and wages. The bulk of the picture collection had, in fact, been sold in the 1920s. George Pitt-Rivers now began to sell from the Benin collection—at one time considered the third most important collection in the world. The estates had been divided up and there had been family quarrels; while selling the odd item when he was hard up, he seriously wanted to find a long-term solution for the museum.

Essentially he could no longer afford to run it himself; he wanted to turn it into a charitable trust if others would help raise an endowment fund to take care of the running expenses. He organized a dinner at the Athenaeum to put this idea to leading scholars and museum officials; when the big day came he was in hospital. The plan was put to the assembled guests by his lawyer, but apart from a jolly evening, nothing came of it.

Disenchanted, he transferred the ownership of all the remaining sections of the general's collections to his wife, leaving her to sort out the problem as best she could. His death occurred shortly afterwards in 1966, leaving a huge death duties bill, and Stella moved to the south of France. Her inheritance caused further family squabbles, and the museum was closed.

By 1972 the situation had still not been resolved, though Stella had made some more sales from the collections. It was then that *The Times* drew attention to the situation. This had two results. An informal committee of representatives of local museums was formed under the chairmanship of Sir John Wolfenden to see if the collections could be acquired for the nation. And the Estate Duty Office reopened its file on the estate.

The museums committee came up with three possible ideas: that the collections should be taken over by the National Museum; that they should go to Dorchester museum, or that the Department of the Environment should take over, refurbish and run the Farnham museum. They were put to Stella Pitt-Rivers, who decided in favour of Salisbury. A delicately balanced solution has now been reached whereby the collections are ceded to the nation and the Estate Duty Office closes its file again "without prejudice". The Salisbury solution is still tentative; it depends on local authority and government money being forthcoming for a projected new museum complex.

Several collections are still intact

To set the position straight, one final word should be said about the general's collections. The nation has acquired his excavated material from the Cranborne Chase area, together with scale models and documents; a parallel collection of British archaeological material excavated elsewhere in Britain and purchased by the general, the general's private papers, and a collection of agricultural implements gathered from Britain and overseas to illustrate agricultural methods in the pre-machine age.

His collection of Benin bronzes purchased in the last years of his life has been largely dispersed; of his original collection of pictures little of much interest remains. On the other hand several collections are still more or less intact and remain in the hands of Mrs Pitt-Rivers. These include a collection of European archaeological material collected for the purpose of comparison with his British finds; a collection of pottery and porcelain formed to demonstrate the evolution of the potter's art; a small collection of Roman glass; an "encyclopaedia" collection of European glass; and a group of ethnographic material formed partly by the general and partly by George Pitt-Rivers. The nation has received part of the general's collection but wants some more of them, now is the time to start looking for money.

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Changing Directions, the transport report mentioned by Caroline Moorehead on this page yesterday, is published by Coronet in paperback at 75p.

Can Lord Mountbatten's plan for India be applied to the Irish question? A second partition may be the answer for Ulster

Most Ulstermen would probably be infuriated by a comparison between Northern Ireland in 1974 and India in 1947, yet there are many important likenesses from which we can, perhaps, draw lessons. The dissimilarities are obvious. India's "colonial" status; the fact that British power there was only an imperial superstructure; the differences in history, geography, population scale and racial distinction from Northern Ireland; the existence in the latter case of a neighbouring country to which the minority looks for support and ultimately for integration. But the similarities are significant.

Most telling among them at present is the failure of power-sharing between majority and minority communities. The prolonged attempt at it in India is apt to be overlooked in our over-simplified recollection of passage from imperial subjection to independence and partition. It was, however, the basis of British policy from the first promise of national self-government in 1929 right up to Lord Mountbatten's presentation of the partition solution on June 3, 1947.

Power-sharing was specifically written into the provisions of the 1935 Government of India Act for provincial autonomy, and was given electoral underpinning by the communal constituencies and weightages for minorities.

It worked admirably in at least one of the provinces eventually to be cut in two, the Punjab, through the all-India Congress government, Sir Sikander Hyat Khan and his successor, until it was overtaken by the nationwide conflict between Hindu and Muslim aspirations.

It was the prime object of Lord Mountbatten's effort to form an all-party

national government at the abortive Simla conference of 1945. It inspired the constitutional ingenuity (far more elaborate than Sunningdale) of the Cabinet mission's plan of 1946. It was outwardly achieved for all India in the shape of the Nehru-Liaquat interim government which Mountbatten took over from Wavell.

In practice, however, it had already broken down, as power-sharing has broken down—at least for the time being—in Northern Ireland. It broke down because in the background was an intensifying struggle for the inheritance of British power, accompanied by increasingly violent animosity between the masses of the major communities. Its failure demanded a new policy under new leadership.

After the end of the war in 1945, the British Government wanted to set out of India, and in this it probably represented the will of the British people as a whole. Today, the British people as a whole, it seems, would like to be quit of Ireland, if this could be done in peace and with honour. The great obstacle to fulfilling that condition is, as it was in India under the Raj, the existence of two hostile, self-conscious, hereditary communities vying for admitted power, both on the political plane and with violence.

In India, Hindus and Muslims alike, as politically conscious communities, wanted the British to go. On the surface, the position in Northern Ireland is different, in that the majority community wants to keep the imperial connexion. But beneath the surface, the parallel holds good.

The Protestants of Ulster have defied British rule almost to the point of creating chaos and insist that the

future governance of Ulster must be determined in Ulster by Ulstermen. There are, of course, many individuals and groups in Northern Ireland who want to keep the British presence and Westminster rule: so there were in India. But leading "loyalists" in Ulster display little or no loyalty towards the United Kingdom Government and Parliament. Their repeated appeals to "democracy" are as disingenuous as the Indian National Congress's claim to exert their own majority power in their own way in their own country, and to make their own terms with the minorities.

The Roman Catholic minority wants the British presence, as the Muslim minority did in India, only for the purpose of protecting them against the majority and guaranteeing them a fair deal, and for no other.

The transfer of power in India was preceded by accelerating inter-communal violence. We have seen the like in Northern Ireland, though with only a fraction of the bloodshed. IRA atrocities have been followed by UDA atrocities, capped by more IRA atrocities, while, as in India in 1945-47, tension grows, communal violence intensifies, political forces polarize, government authority is flouted, and the army has to be called to the aid of the civil power.

The mode of Britain's departure from India in peace and with honour was found in partition. But this was only after great efforts had been made to avoid it by what we now call power-sharing. These failed, fundamentally because they could not solve the conundrum of transferring democratic power without putting the minority group, in the last resort, permanently

under the rule of the majority group. By the time Lord Mountbatten took charge, partition was the only practicable answer.

That was the solution applied to Ireland in 1921. Looking back now, many people may think it to have been a grave mistake, from which our present troubles spring. We must go deeper into history, however, to allot the real blame for failure to create a united, independent Ireland—to the Act of Union, the defeat of Gladstone's Home Rule Bill, the misagony of Farnall, the failure to push Home Rule through in 1912.

What would now be the analogue in Northern Ireland of the Mountbatten answer to Indian divisions? Clearly, a repartition of the province. Government and official Opposition policies are flatly against a change of the border, but British policy was against partition until a few months before it happened in India. It was an essential part of Lord Mountbatten's theme that if Jinnah was to have Pakistan he could have only the Muslim-majority areas of the two main disputed provinces, Bengal and the Punjab.

Historic boundaries could not stand in the way of the necessary inter-communal justice. Majorities must be decisive, minorities must not be so large as to present any colourable threat to majorities. The leaders of the Indian National Congress were persuaded to accept partition because the realists among them, like Vallabhbhai Patel, saw that national power must pass into hands strong enough to wield it, not half-paralysed by internal dissent.

It was also a vital part of the 1947 settlement that power was transferred to existing constitutional authorities.

Britain had promised that if future constitution should be of our own making—a policy now urged on Northern Ireland. But this created a new dilemma, that Britain's having to pass into law accept responsibility for a constitution or constitutions which she could not please all people of Britain supervised partition, as soon as the framing of permanent institutions by India and Pakistan later.

The upshot, it is true, was in ways discouraging for analogies. Partition and the use of power were followed by communal violence on a scale rivalled under British rule, and migration of many millions of India and Pakistan, who have since been literally at daggers and have fought three costly wars.

In Northern Ireland, too, violence by the IRA and Pro extremists is inevitable, as decisions are taken. It has been illusion of British policy in Northern Ireland that some middle-way settlement could appease the violence and subdue them "moderate" majority in each county. The majority always peace; but it cannot always. Once violence takes hold, it must pass before it is eliminated. The question is, should violence be a cross which must forever bear?

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Greece adds an extra dimension to the threat facing Turkish democracy

After a promising start to its recovery from the 1971 military intervention, Turkey has again tumbled headlong into internal crisis, and this time it can add an external threat to its woes as well.

At home the coalition government patched together from unnatural allies five months ago, after a hundred days of stalemate and two and a half years of semi-military rule, is on the verge of collapse, and threatens to leave in its wake a void whose filling is beyond prediction. Meanwhile across the Aegean, the Greek government, a military-controlled press filled with anti-Turkish invective, and army officers speak privately of the possibility of a limited war with Turkey.

As the only generally democratic country in an area filled with revolving-door military dictatorships and people's republics (the only parliamentary democracies within 1,000 miles of Ankara are Lebanon and Israel) the Turks have always had a hard row to hoe. Their own army, though loyal to the principles of Atatürk's westernizing reforms, has several times been overzealous in intervening to defend them from imagined threats, formerly from the reactionary and traditionalist right, but latterly from the extreme left as well.

In March, 1974, the armed forces, carried out a "military coup" against Mr Süleyman Demirel's government, which they accused of reluctance to introduce urgently needed economic and social reforms and to take the harsh measures necessary to suppress the student-based urban terrorist movement which had been increasingly active since 1969.

The military-backed non-party government lasted 23 years. The guerrillas were all killed, arrested or driven underground (and some 4,000 leftists of all shades from pink to crimson were swept up in indiscriminate arrests and have been convicted on flimsy charges or are still awaiting trial in military courts), but the government were increasingly handicapped by the refusal of the politicians to collaborate with this disguised military rule.

After a trial of strength a year ago proved that the armed forces would have to rule the country directly if they wanted to go on running it at all, the senior officers, many of them by now regretting their hasty intervention, decided to withdraw from the scene. The leading "interventionist" generals of 1971 were retired, and elections held with complete liberty in October,



Mr Ecevit: one more chance for agreement.

1973, restored the country to full parliamentary rule.

The MSP, almost half the party strength, deflected and the amnesty for political prisoners was defeated. Mr Ecevit declared his intention to resign, and received the backing of his party, but in view of the fact that the hundred days' crisis preceding the formation of his government has already shown the near-impossibility of forming any alternative coalition, and that Turkey unexpectedly faces a serious external crisis as well, he subsequently agreed to give the MSP one last chance to demonstrate its loyalty.

A new Bill has been drafted aiming to amend the five articles of the Turkish penal code under which almost all the political offenders were brought to trial, and if it passes the non-violent dissidents could all leave jail.

But the MSP chairman, Mr Necmettin Erbakan, may not be able to heal the breach in the motley ranks of his party, a group of men of widely differing ideals and orientations united only by their Muslim sentiments, and that case the Government will certainly fail. It could not happen at a worse time for Turkey.

Despite their long history of mutual hatred, conflict and slaughter, Turkey and Greece have had an agreement on basic political cooperation since the 1920s which was only temporarily upset even by the Cyprus crises of the mid-1960s, and had since been wholly reinstated.

The Ecevit government this spring was disconcertingly blunt in public about its preference for a federal solution on Cyprus, which the Greeks denounced as being tantamount to partition, and the communal talks were

suspended. Turkey also restored her 20-year-old opposition to Greek claims of seabed rights in the Aegean, the amount based on the fact that numbers of Greek islands are only a few miles from the Turkish coast, as there are now promising signs of undersea oil in the Aegean.

To drive the point home, the Turkish government has authorized the American command to commence a survey some 100 miles in international waters south-east of the Greek island of Thasos near which the first strikes were made.

This could explain much coolness in Athens-Ankara relations. Mr Turks are surprised and puzzled by the warmongering articles which appear almost daily in the Greek press. Official statements in Athens are restricted to veiled threats, but well-placed Greek officers emphasize that the Army and regime are deadly serious.

They add that much of the Turkish army is tied down on the Russian-Caucasian and Kurdish-Iraqi frontiers, and that any war which went badly for Greece would not last long before the United States or Nato stepped in and restrained the Turks. Meanwhile Greece has concluded major arms purchases with America and France.

It is clear that much of the jingoism in Greece at the moment has the internal political motive of mobilizing support for the regime, but the Turkish cause is being used in a very real sense as an external relevance of the emigmatic leadership's propaganda campaign has. Some Turkish armoured reinforcements have been moved to the Greek border, and the Government has agreed to coastal defence from the gendarmerie, but Ankara still does not know whether it is faced with a serious military threat or not.

There are some encouraging signs: Communist talks in Cyprus are to resume on June 11 and the Turkish and Greek foreign ministers have agreed to meet and discuss bilateral issues during the Nato meeting in Ottawa on June 18. Athens, while not actually agreeing to negotiations on the seabed rights issue as Turkey has requested, has at least stated that it was "not opposed to the demarcation of the boundaries of the continental shelf between the two sides".

The problems between Greece and Turkey are not insoluble if the will is there, but the combination of a Greek military government seeking popularity through a tough stance against the Turkish government, and sensitive issues of oil, sovereignty and minorities is an extremely volatile mixture.

A Special Correspondent

How three votes changed Nalگو's genteel image

It was ironic that last week just as the TUC economic committee was deciding that its pact with the Labour Government was solid enough to warrant the name "social contract" rather than "compact", two union conferences were disavowing any allegiance to either term.

The Scottish miners' decision to press for a new pay claim of up to £20 a week was more predictable than the tough stance taken by the National and Local Government Officers' Association meeting in Brighton. Nalگو does not have a tradition of militancy, nor up to now did its members believe they possessed any real industrial strength.

Yet Nalگو's previous conference equal in militancy to any so far this year. Three votes ended the image of a genteel, white-collar union.

At the beginning of the conference militants won a victory which was a real shock. It was that the present 20 per cent pay claim for 300,000 town hall administrative staff would not be settled within the limits of Phase Three, even if that meant a strike.

A second vote, on an emergency resolution proposed by the executive, struck directly at the TUC and the social contract. It condemned the TUC for upholding Phase Three and voiced reservations about entering into a "cozy political pact".

The final vote was a demonstration of the new militant mood of the union. The executive proposal to call off the damaging strikes in London boroughs was overturned on a card vote of 226,260 to 153,242. Activists in London, thought by some observers to be out of sympathy with the rest of the union, showed they had a considerable amount of support.

That vote could have wider implications, which were recognized by speakers in the debate. Nalگو's employers, the local authorities, have already once said they would retaliate for the London strikes by refusing to negotiate on the national pay claim. The union's reaction was to impose an immediate nationwide overtime ban and call for a one-day strike.

The employers say now that they are bitterly disappointed the strikes in London are to go on. They are meeting again today to decide whether they will again stop talks on the 20 per cent claim and risk a national dispute.

They have good reason to feel aggrieved. Nalگو's claim in the capital for increases in the London weighting, allowances paid to town hall staff has received full support from the local authorities, who are conscious of the need to stop the drift of essential workers

to areas where housing is cheaper and the city lower. The employers agreed to pay an extra year for workers in London and an extra three working further the stumbling block.

Those increases are side the pay limits of cc and union officials to and the Prime Minister Government has refused to allow the pay code to be in advance of a report whole question of all the union's pay. Box end of the month.

The strikes and overt which started in some long ago as March, a hard. One borough, was brought virtually to a standstill for two months. In other boroughs the have been selective. manner one would expect an organization of pro bureaucrats, Nalگو has the actions have been hinged up on collection demands and stopping of and paper work. Their boroughs now hit, a. effects will be cumulative.

The campaign has without considerable the union have cast the esteem of the rest trade union movement. strike pay has already Nalگو nearly £500,000, which a long history of rial peace and prospered ensured is now available.

The friendship of it may not be so easy to Nalگو was the first unit against the spirit of the contract and rebuffed a gain TUC requests to call London strikes.

Nalگو is a relative new to the TUC and is not a to the Labour Party. Some members resent the fact they are being asked to in their own claims merely create the chances of a men with which they have sympathy remain power.

They resent the existence of Phase Three. They see as inequitable groups by which local authority have been judged their pay have from the incomes policy. ment civil servants have creases approaching 30 since the policy began local authority manual were able to use the hours and other provision pay code to get their ever pay settlement.

Raymond Pe

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The Times Diary

Asking too much of our treasures

Cecil Gould, deputy director of the National Gallery, whose book about Leonardo will be published next year, says: "The Mona Lisa is too valuable ever to be moved. I would not have moved a painting like that even from one room to another in the National Gallery. My other objection, apart from the danger to the painting, is that it reduces it to a circus exhibit, and so degrades its status as a work of art."

"You can argue that such tours allow thousands of people, who would never have the chance otherwise, to see a masterpiece. But what use is that to them if they are rationed to a look lasting 30 seconds?" I hope she has a safe journey.

There was an additional nasty incident earlier when Baldwin did unspokeable things with a dredge egg-roll. And Ed Fisher, the head of Michael Joseph, was being gruff and aggressive to his staff and guests alike.

I did not catch all of the argument between Baldwin and the Jewish sources in Moscow claim that some Jews who have applied for permission to emigrate are being taken into custody in advance of the Nixon visit to Moscow, lest they should try to get in touch with him, or stage a demonstration. Some say their telephones are being interfered with—many have been un-

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Seepage

The great American oil invasion of Scotland is seeping into the education system. The education committee at Dundee, one of the main cities on Scotland's eastern oil coast, is advertising for a consultant in American education.

Jarvis Scott, Dundee's deputy director of education in charge of recruitment, said the person who gets the job will be required to fulfil the needs of the children of the growing number of American executives and technicians of the Conoco oil company, operating drilling rigs from Dundee harbour. "Because they are oil children they have special difficulties," said Scott.

Sweetener

The invitation promised an announcement about nature and technology combining to produce a new slimming aid, and my notorious interest in these matters persuaded me to go. It

It's sure Wilson will help him remember everything he's said...



The following report is Bozling World: "The Lord bless 'em, turned force for their yearly visit National Sporting Club Café Royal. They spare by using the club's time-keeper Ron Randa treaty: "Quiet, gen please" but subsided soon a little later when he in them in his request."

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE June 18.—The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with Her presence today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK June 18.—Princess Alexandra this morning visited Princess Chichibu of Japan at the Japanese Embassy.

The Queen will inspect Her Majesty's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard in the Garden of Buckingham Palace on July 11.

Birthdays today Professor Sir Ernest Chain, 68; Dr Hugh Clegg, 74; Sir John Hothorn Hall, 80; Professor E. C. Hanbury, 80; Viscount Knutsford, 86; Sir Edward Lambert, 72; Sir John Le Rossignol, 80; Miss Elizabeth Sprague, 74; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Derek Steele-Perkins, 66; Sir James Younger, 82.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include: Mr Harold Evans, 74, to be a judge of the family division of the High Court from June 21 in succession to the late Mr Justice Stirling.

New galleries opened at Maritime Museum Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma was principal guest at a private view of the new galleries devoted to the development of the Royal Navy 1814-1914 at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, yesterday.

Salter's Company The following have been elected officers of the Salter's Company: Master, Mr H. D. Anderson; Upper Warden, Mr J. S. Worsley; Second Warden, Dr H. L. Jory.

Farmers' Company The following have been elected officers of the Farmers' Company: Master, Mr B. L. Barker; Senior Warden, Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Brooks; Junior Warden, Sir Nigel Strutt.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. W. Ashfield and Miss G. C. Miller The engagement is announced between Mr Gerald William Ashfield, of Wiltshire, Fitching, Sussex, and Miss Doreen (Gladys Christina) Miller, of 27 Cantelope Road, Bexhill, Sussex. The marriage will take place very quietly on September 29 at Fitching.

Mr C. J. Finn and Miss C. E. Kay The engagement is announced between Pilot Officer Christopher John Finn, RAF, only son of Mrs Elizabeth Finn, of Marple, Cheshire, and the late Mr E. E. Finn, of London, and Christine Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Kay, of Marple.

Mr R. A. Fortes and Miss N. E. Shearer The engagement is announced between Robert Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J. Fortes, of London, NW7, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. C. Shearer, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow.

Mr M. J. Geary and Miss S. M. Wood The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Geary, of Hemes Lane, Houghton, and Susan Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry S. Wood, of Stockport, Cheshire.

Mr M. Götting and Miss N. Zaitner The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the late Bay Mehmed and Mrs Joan Hermione Mehmed Götting, of Tanri Verdi, Adana, Turkey, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. I. A. V. and Bayan Annie Marie Zaitner, of Adana.

Marriages Lord Bruce Dundas and Miss J. M. Wright The marriage took place on June 16, at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, between Lord Bruce Dundas, youngest son of the Marquess and Marchioness of Zetland, and Miss Jane Melaine Wright, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. F. Wright, of Montrose Place, SW1.

Dr A. T. Bridgeland and Dr S. N. Milstein The marriage took place on Saturday, June 15, at St Beuno's Church, Culbone, Somerset, of Dr Michael Terence Bridgeland, elder son of Mr and Mrs Harold Bridgeland, of St Barnabas, Sandy Lodge, Northampton, and Dr Susan Nicola Milstein, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Milstein, of 25 Barrow Road, Cambridge.

Mr S. D. Freer and Miss F. Forbes Dennis The marriage took place quietly on Monday, June 17, at St Andrew's Church, Regent's Park, between Mr Stephen Drake Freer, of Little Clonsilla, near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, second son of Mr and Mrs Major R. C. Freer, and Miss Frederica Forbes Dennis, of 19 Chalcut Square, Primrose Hill, London, NW1, elder daughter of Mr Nigel Dennis, of Malva, and Mrs Marie-Madeleine Dennis, of London and the Ile de Re, France. Canon F. S. Herbert officiated.

Mr A. Melross and Miss O. Crabbe The marriage took place quietly at King's College, New Abbey, on June 17, 1974, between Mr Alexander Melross and Miss Olivia Crabbe.

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Broad-brimmed hats and long dresses give the first day of Royal Ascot the air of a Scott Fitzgerald party.

Collections to get 'early warning' of art exports

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter An "early warning" system of announcements to the press whenever an overseas buyer of a work of art of national importance seeks an export licence was announced yesterday in a Commons written reply by Mr Jenkins, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Education and Science with responsibility for the arts.

Mr Jenkins said that at present, it, on the recommendation of the review committee of the export of works of art, it is decided to withhold an export licence for an item for a period enabling a public collection to make an offer of purchase, the expert adviser to the Board of Trade notifies public collections which he considers likely to be interested.

In future, a brief announcement will be made to the press giving the name of the object, the period during which an offer of purchase can be made and the person who should be contacted by collections.

Pressure for new procedure came to a head earlier this year when it was revealed only a few days before a licence suspension period was to expire that a New York dealer had bought the seventeenth-century Heywood manuscript for £45,000 on Sotheby's last November.

A firm offer to match the price paid at auction was made by an anonymous benefactor on behalf of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, but on May 24, Mr Jenkins told the Commons that the offer had been withdrawn and that the issue of an export licence to Mr John Fleckley, the American dealer, was "under contemplation".

In the Commons yesterday, Mr Jenkins said that the application had agreed that the application should be regarded as in suspense "for the time being".

Donations helped festival to show a profit The cost of the Edinburgh festival last year was a net £260,514, almost £40,000 higher than in 1972. But through increased donations it made a small profit, the festival society's annual report disclosed yesterday.

The cost of 1973 productions was £380,455, up by £28,126 on 1972, and revenue (mainly ticket sales) rose by £206 to £581,606. Administrative costs increased by £7,326 to £94,524, and publicity costs by £3,024 to £24,247. A sum of £7,106 accrued from interest on investments.

The society received increased donations from a number of sources. The principal donor, Edinburgh Corporation, gave £120,000 (as before), and the Scottish Arts Council contributed £100,000 (up by £12,000).

Private donations amounted to a record £7,072 (up £2,557 more than in 1972). The Edinburgh military tattoo gave £5,000 (£1,500 more), and the trustees of the festival capital fund paid interest on that fund, amounting to £5,117.

The society were left with a surplus of £5,673. This has been added to the festival fund, which on November 30 last year stood at £74,578.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at the Savoy Hotel in honour of Sir Murray Jellicoe, Governor of Hong Kong. Also present were Sir T. Kidd and Sir Duncan Watson.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales The President, Mr Leonard J. Sharp, and members of the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales were at luncheon yesterday at the Chartered Accountants' Hall. The guests were:

Reader's Digest Representatives of national community service organizations were entertained at lunch at 23 Berkeley Square, London, yesterday, by Mr Michael Redmond, editor of British Reader's Digest. The guest of honour was Mr Charles Morris, MP, Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

Dinners Mrs Ramsey The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Ramsey gave a dinner last night at Lambeth Palace to meet the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies. Those present included:

Selection Group Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, was the guest speaker at the quarterly luncheon of the Selection Group at the Carlton Club last night. Mr David Alexander was in the chair.

Tower sale of arms and armour raises £32,825

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent The Tower of London set an intriguing precedent yesterday with a single catalogue sale at Sotheby's of arms and armour from the Tower Armories. It was the first of two scheduled sales and realized £32,825, less than Sotheby's somewhat ambitious estimate. The sale was to raise money to finance major acquisitions made by the tower this year.

These items by far the most important (and expensive) was the large collection of arms and armour and related library of Dr Richard Williams, the last great collector in the field. The pieces selected for auction in yesterday's sale came from the Williams collection.

This is a precedent because in the past, the sale of a large collection of arms and armour is acquired by an interested national collection and the rest is dispersed either privately or at auction. In this case the tower has acquired the whole collection and are selling off what they do not want. The pieces selected for sale are subjected to rigorous vetting by a disposal committee on which the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Wallace collection and other outside experts are invited to serve.

Sotheby's had provided a lavishly illustrated catalogue and the somewhat reflected the widespread knowledge that extreme care had been taken over the selection of pieces unworthy of the tower. A seventeenth-century sword and scabbard which lock carriage brought the top price at £2,700 (G. Jenkinson); a French wheel-lock carbine made £2,500 (A. A. P. Southall) and a complete German lined armour of the early sixteenth century made £2,000 (A. A. P. Southall) and a complete Italian cuirassier's armour of the late sixteenth century made £2,300 (P. Dale).

A general sale of modern and antique firearms and edged weapons at Sotheby's made £23,136 and included an English porcelain £7,091. A paintings sale at Sotheby's Belgrave made £25,250. Miscellaneous and objects of vertu for £71,900. An oil miniature of a lady by John Hoskins made £5,040. A miniature of Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, dated 1729, by Christian F. Zincke, brought £3,150. There was also a German gold-mounted oval hardstone snuffbox of around 1770 by J. C. Neuberger and a gold-mounted oval hardstone clock case by J. C. Neuberger (A. A. P. Southall). A sale of English drawings and water-colours made £14,342.

University news Oxford Appointments: Gene Hastings, Visiting Professorship in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Oxford, from 1974-75. Dr M. R. H. Whittaker, Professor of Botany, University of Oxford, from 1974-75.

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OBITUARY

GEN SIR CHARLES KEIGHTLEY Commanded invasion of Suez

General Sir Charles Keightley GCB, GBE, DSO, who died on Monday at the age of 72, had a distinguished career in the Second World War as a divisional and corps commander in Tunisia and Italy. He was also a distinguished pilot and a polo player. He was Governor of Gibraltar for four years. But it is as the Army Commander-in-Chief in the ill-fated Suez operations of 1957 that he was best known to the public.

Keightley was a tall, broad-shouldered man, with a fine presence. He was one of the cavalrymen who emerged early in the war as an outstanding trainer and leader of armoured troops, and he always strove to exploit their characteristics of speed and surprise. It was said for him that in his last operation as a tank commander, he was seen to have a pistol in his hand, ready to shoot any of his own troops who were slow to follow him.

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Science report Supernovae: Damage to the ozone layer

There has been much discussion recently about the damage that large numbers of supersonic aircraft could do to the fragile ozone layer high in the Earth's atmosphere. The layer protects life on Earth from the full power of ultra-violet rays from the Sun.

Supersonic aircraft could damage the layer because of the production of oxides of nitrogen in the hot stream of the jet, which encourages the reaction of atmospheric nitrogen and oxygen. The oxides of nitrogen can react with the ozone layer, breaking down the ozone to a lesser, less reactive form of oxygen (in which molecules are made up of pairs of atoms).

The destructive oxides of nitrogen can also be formed in the atmosphere by nuclear explosions and by ionizing radiation such as X-rays or cosmic rays. Some astronomers have speculated that unusually large amounts of electromagnetic radiation arriving from space could result in stripping of the ozone layer to such an extent that much larger amounts of ultra-violet light from the Sun would get through to the Earth.

Now Dr M. A. Ruderman, of Columbia University, New York, has calculated that a supernova occurring within 50 light years of the Earth would produce sufficient electromagnetic radiation in the form of X-rays and gamma rays to reduce drastically the ozone layer. Supernovae occur in our galaxy about once or twice every hundred years and Dr Ruderman estimates that supernovae within the 50-light-year range would occur every few hundred million years.

The effect of a relatively large flux of ultra-violet light reaching the Earth over several generations until the ozone layer re-formed itself can only be imagined. The amount of ultra-violet would not be immediately lethal but would probably cause an enormous growth in the number of skin cancers and perhaps increase vitamin D production to toxic levels. It is possible that a large flux of ultra-violet radiation could affect evolution in subtle ways through its effect on mutation.

By Nature-Times News Service. Science, June 7 (1974).

LT-GEN YADAVINDRA SINGH

Impress on all my own he said, "that this war is less than Great. It is a war to save the continent." He served in the Western Desert, Burma.

At the time of independence he took a leading part in the Indian princely chancellors of the Ch Princes, he was the man in discussions with Nehru, Patel and Mo after the merger of the States. He was a member of the Indian Council of State and a delegate in 1965 to an ambassador to I 1965 to 1968, and a member of the Punjab Legislative Council from 1967 to 1968.

A keen sportsman, he was one of the cricketers in India captained the national team in 1948. He was a member of the Indian Council of State and a delegate in 1965 to an ambassador to I 1965 to 1968, and a member of the Punjab Legislative Council from 1967 to 1968.

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Fraser deal could mean £3m a year for SUITS

By Margaret Drummond. Reinvestment of this proceeds from Scottish and Universal Investments' proposed sale of House of Fraser shares...

£36m will be spent on preparations for TriStar

By Arthur Reed. British Airways is investing about £36m in preparations for putting its fleet of Lockheed TriStar aircraft into service...

Pickets allow removal of motor cycle components from Meriden

By Clifford Webb. The cooperative's leaders are particularly concerned that publicity about the release of the motor cycles could be presented as a victory for NVT...

Minister hits back at export deals criticism

By Malcolm Brown. Signs of another rift between the Government and business became apparent last night when Mr Peter Shore Secretary of State for Trade...

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June 18.—Changes in parities will be un- parities will be un-

French HP rates to go up in July

Paris, June 18.—French hire purchase rates will rise with other interest rates on July 1...

Textile exports up

There was a 20 per cent increase in export earnings of the United Kingdom wool textile industry in January...

Free gold dealing in US moves step nearer

From Frank Vogl. Washington, June 18.—The Banking Committee of the House of Representatives today voted to allow American citizens to buy gold...

Dispute at Plessey spreads

The "sit-in" dispute at Plessey Telecommunications at Beeston, Nottinghamshire, spread to other plants in the group yesterday...

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Lord Stokes to have fresh talks with union officials

By Edward Townsend. Lord Stokes, chairman of British Leyland, is to meet national union officers in London on Friday...

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Credits decision may slow American-Soviet trade

By Our United States Economics Correspondent. Washington, June 18.—The Banking Committee of the United States Senate today took decisions today which could slow the granting of big credits by America's government-controlled Export-Import Bank (Eximbank)...

Ford strike in US may make 22,750 idle

Detroit, June 18.—Ford Motor Co said that the strike at its Chicago stamping plant will result in the laying off tomorrow of 8,800 more workers at three United States plants. This will bring to 22,750 the number of workers made idle in United States and Canadian plants because of the Chicago strike, which began last week.—Reuter.

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Table showing market movements for various commodities like Rises, Fells, and Bonds.

US housing starts down 11 pc in May

Table showing US housing starts and other economic indicators.

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Tokyo agrees to 17pc steel product rises

Tokyo, June 18.—The Japanese Government gave the go-ahead to six steel makers to raise steel product prices by an average of 17 per cent or 7,900 yen (about £11.7 per tonne) with immediate effect.

Bowing before the pressure of the country's powerful steel producers, the Japanese Government partly eased a six-month-old price curb on 33 essential commodities to authorize the increase in the price of rolled steel.

The new price levels were fixed after the Ministry for International Trade and Industry rejected the industry's request for an increase of 21.7 per cent.

The new prices will cover seven items of rolled steel, including plates, sheets and bars and will apply to all materials for direct delivery to industries such as ship and vehicle manufacturers.

Industry officials said the 17 per cent rise would put up the wholesale price index by about 0.5 per cent.

The most seriously affected by the higher prices are shipbuilders, whose costs might be up about 2 per cent, followed by car makers, industrial machinery makers and electric appliance manufacturers.

Officials said the increased import prices of coal and iron ore accounted for nearly 70 per cent of the steel price increase but an expected further increase in Australian iron ore prices now under negotiation had been excluded.—Reuter.

Japan more optimistic over solving payments problems

Tokyo, June 18.—Japan is less pessimistic than five or six months ago about the prospects of overcoming its balance of payments problems caused by the oil crisis, Mr Keiichi Inamura, Vice-Minister of Finance for International Affairs, said.

However, there is an undercurrent of concern about borrowing in the international monetary market by such countries as Italy, which has been in deficit even before the oil crisis.

At a luncheon given by the Yomiuri International Economic Symposium, Mr Inamura said Japan has been able to cover its increased oil import bill and resultant balance of payments deficits by borrowing through the international banking system.

The country's problems so far have been more or less solved by the recycling of the dollar market and elsewhere, he said.

Mr Inamura was not certain whether such countries could continue without fresh difficulties. The possibility of a credit crisis in the international capital market could be entirely precluded.—Reuter.

Earlier Mr Inamura said that the Italian credit squeeze and import restrictions would have their optimistic effect around October, Reuter reports from Rome.

In its latest economic bulletin the bank forecast a gradual slackening of certain Italian economic tensions in coming months, accompanied by a relative containment of domestic demand.

Savers hit by income policies

The Life Offices' Association gave warning yesterday that the prices and incomes policies of successive governments "is affecting many millions of savers, not only as wage and salary owners but also as policy holders or members of pension schemes".

The growth in investment income is being restricted by statutory limitation of dividend increases and the freezing of commercial rents since 1972, in many cases at levels fixed long before that year.

Last year the income earned on life assurance and annuity funds, valued at £20,200m at the end of 1973, amounted to nearly £1,700m, or nearly £3m a week was paid out in benefits in 1973.

Jamaica backed over bauxite

Jamaica moves to increase the tax and levies on bauxite, the raw material used in aluminium production, and take over land owned by the alumina companies has been supported by the Kaiser Aluminium and Chemical Corporation of America.

Mr Cornell C. Maier, chairman of Kaiser, said in California that he did not disagree with Jamaica's proposals and was not concerned about the purchase of land. The company was concerned to retain in Jamaica "a secure and adequate raw materials source under terms that will allow us to operate profitably".

Kaiser's United Kingdom interests include a holding in the aluminium smelter in Anglesey.

Homes chief predicts house prices will soar

By Malcolm Brown

Britain faces the long-term prospect of very expensive houses, Mr Dick Sinfield, president of the House-Builders Federation, said yesterday. He urged potential buyers to take advantage of the present slack market and buy now "at bargain prices".

An unprecedentedly high number of unsold houses on the market had forced builders to cut profits or even sell at a loss, Mr Sinfield, who was addressing house-builders in Cambridge, said.

Buyers, on the other hand, could take advantage of the extra hundreds of millions of government money loaned to the building societies. When mortgage rates fell, there would be a rush to buy.

But this state of affairs would not last long, he said. The cost of materials was going up by more than 20 per cent a year. Land prices would rise if demand picked up.

"The long-term prospect is for very expensive houses", Mr Sinfield said. "It is an extraordinary commentary on our sense of values that many people today are hesitating to buy new, guaranteed houses at prices which have been stable for more than six months, while commodities have risen by at least 35 per cent in the same period."

Energy group search for oil-sharing formula

Brussels, June 18.—The 11-nation coordination group of leading oil consumers, today set up a special committee to study the problems of oil-sharing in times of crisis. The United States yesterday submitted to the group its plan on sharing American oil resources with other consumer countries in an emergency.

Although the plan was not published, conference participants said it made United States readiness to share its oil with others dependent on consumer nations adopting an appropriate policy of consumption, restraint, and on sufficient "strategic" stockpiles that could be used in a case of oil shortage.

Some sources said the United States oil-sharing plan more strongly emphasized the link between restraint and stand by supplies than a plan worked out by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The OECD plan, these sources said, approached the problem in a more pragmatic way. Sources said the new committee will have to attempt "to wed the United States and OECD proposals". Oil-sharing among consumers in an emergency is one of the key issues in the group's work.

A concerted policy of consumer restraint and of sufficient emergency stockpiles as sought by the United States may be one way of showing producers that oil prices should come down, one source explained.

Any move at this stage that could be interpreted as pressuring the oil producers is disliked by some in the group, officials indicated.—AP-Dow Jones.

Shedland accepts offer: An offer from the four oil companies who have already made plans to land oil from the north east Shetland basin at the proposed oil port of Sullom Voe, Shetland, was accepted yesterday by Shetland County Council after a lengthy session from which the producers excluded BP, Shell, Conoco and Total have formed the Sullom Voe Association, and their offer is said to be worth several millions a year to the local authority if production from the basin reaches expectations.

White Paper on pensions expected before year's end

The Government's White Paper on pensions is expected to be published before the end of the year, it was announced yesterday by Mr Brian O'Malley, the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, at a pensions conference in London.

The White Paper, a consultative document, is a prelude to further pensions legislation affecting both occupational and state pensions, which will replace the provisions of the Social Security Act jettisoned since the Labour Government was returned to power.

Mr O'Malley said there were three essential prerequisites behind the Government's pension strategy. New pension proposals should mirror the "changing shape and fabric of society"; satisfy the legitimate aspirations of existing pensioners; and be developed within the constraints of available resources.

He said the Government wanted to end the massive dependence on means-testing, to take account of the changing attitude of women, who must no longer be treated as second-class citizens, and to provide earnings-related cover.

Mr O'Malley emphasized that the Government wanted to encourage the development of good occupational pensions schemes.

He refused to be drawn on the government's own proposal to replace the existing Reserve Pension scheme, the Conservative administration's alternative for people who do not belong to occupational schemes.

Although Mr O'Malley was unable to give details about the Government's pension proposals, there were some broad hints. It is clear that the Government is very much in favour of final salary-type pension arrangements. Regular increases in pensions after retirement are also favoured.

And high on the Government's list of pension priorities is the treatment of widows, and ill-health and disability provisions.

Welcome likely for Tokyo cuts in TV exports

British colour television set manufacturers are likely to react warmly to a move from their Japanese counterparts to restrict exports to the United Kingdom this year below the 1973 level of 278,000 sets.

The restriction follows detailed discussions in Tokyo in the last few days between representatives of the British electronic industry and Lord Thorneycroft, and the Japan Electronic Industry Association.

The British mission is due back in London today, and last night United Kingdom manufacturers were reluctant to comment on the expected agreement. The talks had reported, "But clearly any decrease in Japanese imports will be welcomed at a time when the colour TV market has dipped by up to 30 per cent."

The Japanese exported 160,000 sets to the United Kingdom in the first half of this year, and now they say that in the second half, they will restrict exports to between 80,000 and 100,000 sets.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems of manufacture and supply of heavy water

From Mr S. Cundill

Sir, According to a recent news item, it seems likely that the proposal to build steam generating heavy water reactors in this country will be the possible outcome of the long drawn-out nuclear debate.

Although the salient details of this system have been explained many times in the press, little or no mention has been made of the problems surrounding the manufacture and supply of the heavy water required.

In an article in this month's *Nuclear Engineering International*, Mr L. R. Hayward, vice-president of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., has given us some indication of the problems and hazards involved in the production of heavy water.

Mr Hayward states: "Another aspect of engineering interest is that, due to the relatively high toxicity of hydrogen sulphide, the piping and vessels containing the gas are fabricated to the same standards as apply to nuclear power plants. The regulatory authority requires an exclusion area having a radius of one mile.

"In the instance of the plant at Glace Bay, which was located before the safety guidelines were fully developed, there are a number of residences and small businesses within the region of one-half to one mile. To provide adequate protection in these particular circumstances, the plant is ringed with 103 propane burners spaced at 25ft intervals.

"In the event of a leak of hydrogen sulphide, the burners are ignited and the gas lifted to a sufficient height to guarantee that dangerous concentrations never exist at ground level."

Distressing financial difficulties of the BS

From Dr R. H. Golde

Sir, Industrialists and, who rely on the work of the British Standards Institution, have their products throughout the world to guarantee the safety equipment and of its to be distressed by you (June 7) on the financial difficulties, to instance one of its of As Chairman of the mites responsible for the present code of practice, I submitted a detailed proposal for the present code of practice to bring the line with modern knowledge of the effects of lightning building methods and increasing complexity of installations. I have informed that, while proposals were supported by the committee, no possibility of this was undertaken in the present review.

The British Standards Institution has been recently asked by the at Elyborough, in the of a long professional have at various times called upon to advise departments, technical, explosive, and other industrial lighting protection of all dangerous installations. In my mind, I have that, one of these days, disaster as that at Ely will be caused by a strike. An installation an electric spark. This one aspect in which we all undertaken by the delayed—if not the cause of lack of funds. Members of BS I could give their services with remuneration and, occ have even to defray the pocket expenses from means. Is it too much that the BS be provi the financial resource of the institution? Your obedient servant, R. H. GOLDE, 274 Salmon Street, London NW9.

London postal strike and potential loss of large foreign markets

From Mr J. Keith Harwood

Sir, The London Buying Office of R. H. Macy & Co. Inc., which includes the world's largest department store, is suffering greatly due to the current London postal strike. Correspondence and orders dated May 15-19 are only now being received and delivery of orders is being jeopardized as the hold-up of these orders before they can be placed with British manufacturers. Shipments, in some instances, are required in July and August and one or two weeks' delay of vital information being assist them in production planning can mean that these orders could be cancelled due to late delivery as a result of this disastrous strike.

Surely something can be done to make people realize the damage that is caused to our country by irresponsible actions and the potential loss of foreign markets, which could become permanent if we are unable to maintain the goodwill that has been established through years of toil in establishing the acceptability of British products.

Yours faithfully, J. KEITH HARWOOD, R. H. MACY & CO INC, 52-53 Conduit Street, London, W1R 0DL.

Frightening aspect of Japanese recess

From Mr R. C. Thornton

Sir, The interesting article by Peter Hazelhurst (Business News, June 11), makes an important point in quoting the remark of a Japanese businessman: "they can turn the economy around tomorrow."

It may be that it is in all our interests that they should do so. The Japanese economy, with a GNP of \$420,000m in 1973, is a third the size of the United States economy (\$1,337,000m) and is the third largest economy in the world.

Exports actually ran at rather a low figure—\$42,000m in 1973 or 10 per cent of GNP, compared with the United States exports of merchandise alone at \$69,700m over the same period. Japanese growth has been so rapid that it has taken not only the Japanese people who, in my experience, are still prone to think of themselves as poor and the rest of us as rich.

The implications of largest economy entered long recession should we all, particularly in East is considered. I be encouraged to re home.

Yours faithfully, R. C. THORNTON, G. T. Management, 16 St. Martin's-le-Grand, London, EC1.

Art and tax

From Mr R. Miles

Sir, The Museum Charges Bill proved to be a waste of time for Parliament, and in the end common sense prevailed. May I suggest that perhaps the wealth tax proposals relating to art be treated in the same manner?

Already people are nervous of lending their pictures to exhibitions. The serious collector has to give consideration in acquiring a major work and nobody is in any doubt surely that a wealth tax is a punitive measure on the higher income group. VAT, Estate Duty and Capital Gains are measures enough.

Yours sincerely, ROY MILES, Roy Miles Fine Paintings, 95 Eaton Place, London SW1X 8LZ.

Business appointments

Mr Ronald Edwards has been appointed by the Bank of Scotland to be its director of its oil division. Mr Edwards, who is joining the division from Shell UK, where he was a director and secretary, will be specifically concerned with the financial and administrative arrangements of the bank's participation in energy development projects.

The Thomson Organisation has announced the following changes in the management of Thomson Witty Grove, to take effect from July 1: Mr George Dunn is appointed managing director of this executive. Mr Dunn has worked in the Thomson Regional Newspapers group for 37 years. Because of ill-health, Mr Cooper is relinquishing his appointment as managing director of Witty Grove but will continue as a director.

Mr Jack Cooper, Northern general manager of the Daily Telegraph, will become production director at Witty Grove in succession to Mr Fred Hale, who is also retiring for health reasons after 38 years' service. Mr Cooper will take over his new duties shortly.

Mr Eric Chadwell, who is this month retiring as deputy managing director of Witty Grove but will continue on the board as a non-executive director.

Mr T. S. Kerr has been co-opted to the board of GRA Property Finance. The group has also made the following executive changes in its wholly-owned subsidiary, GRA Development: Mr Basil Kerr is relinquishing his directorship in succession to Mr P. L. Levy; Mr K. Arnold, who also be-

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principles to marketing situations using case study techniques. The new syllabus features increased emphasis on behavioural sciences and the role of qualitative and quantitative analysis techniques.

International marketing also becomes a subject of study in its own right. The changes have been made to meet employers' criticisms that existing qualifications are out of step with the realities of the business environment.

Student qualification

Starting this autumn, the Institute of Marketing is to offer a new intermediate grade educational qualification for students. Successful candidates will receive a Certificate in Marketing after two years of study.

At the same time the syllabus leading to the institute's diploma, the existing qualification, is being restructured. The diploma, which is normally taken after three years' study, is claimed by the institute to be of degree standard.

The examination is concerned with the application of basic

Cresta campaign

Cadbury Schweppes is launching a large-scale television campaign for its Cresta brand children's drink next month. The campaign, worth £225,000 and devised by advertising agents Boase Massimi Pollitt, also features cinema advertisements for the first time as well as children's comics.

Launched in 1971, Cresta has been one of the most successful new products ever introduced in this field. During its first year it achieved sales of £1m and sales are now running at more than £3.5m at retail selling prices.

The brand has the largest expenditure on advertising in the children's drink sector.

Patricia Tisdall

Summary of AMC's operations for the year ended 31st March, 1974

	1972/73 Em.	1973/74 Em.
Total loan applications	89.43	96.20
Loans completed	39.48	47.89
Total amount on loan to the agricultural industry	205.76	244.18
Loans approved and in course of completion	14.16	11.63

Copies of the 1974 Report & Accounts obtainable from the Secretary

Loan completions at new record level

Summary of Results (£000)

	1974	1973
Year ended 31st January		
Group Turnover	£4,428	£3,485
Group profit before tax	£644	£528
Taxation	£321	£215
Group profit after tax	£323	£311
Dividend	3.051p	2.887p
	(gross)	(gross)
Earnings per share	9.8p	8.4p

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Big increase in TV expenditure

There was a marked improvement in expenditure on advertising during April compared with the early part of the year. Results compiled by Media Expenditure Analysis for the month show an overall drop of less than 4 per cent compared with the same month in 1973.

During January to March, gross expenditure on press and television slumped to 8.2 per cent below the equivalent 1973 total. But in April, at £3,991m compared with £4,131m, the decrease is much lower.

The biggest apparent improvement was in television, where expenditure as measured by MEAL was just over 4 per cent below the April 1973 level. This compares with a drop of almost 10 per cent during the first quarter.

However, the MEAL figures are based on rate card prices. Heavy discounting has brought the net revenue totals in April earned by television contrac-

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tors to 14.5 per cent below April 1973. This is also a considerable improvement on the results recorded during February and March.

At £2,091m advertisement revenue earned by newspapers was 2.5 per cent below the April 1973 level, according to MEAL. This too is better than during the first quarter when expenditure dropped by nearly 7 per cent.

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Mr. Leo Wills (Chairman)

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- An increase of 27% in group turnover has been achieved by continued expansion of our markets at home and abroad.
- Group profit before tax reached a record £644,217 compared with £526,218 last year. Taxation of £321,872 (£215,000 last year) will absorb 50% of the group profit. Dividend recommended represents a gross equivalent of 3.051p per share compared with 2.887p per share last year.
- Net current assets stand at over £1 million providing a sound foundation for future development, with reserves now amounting to £1,521,732. The financial strength of the Group has been built up by regular increases in retained profit and this will enable us to continue the Group's history of expansion.

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Salaries at the top: the public sector falls behind



Sir William Armstrong (left), head of the Civil Service, and Dr Monty Finniston, chairman of British Steel Corporation

Maurice Corina explains the background to discontent among senior civil servants

Both the private and public sector margins have been invoked to give Under Secretaries a new review committee be left if Mr Foot's standing Royal Commission on Income Redistribution is set up this summer and takes as an early task an investigation into top salaries?

Already senior civil servants are demanding reassurance that the substantive Boyle report, three years on, will not be delayed for much longer. They can see the Government, having to appeal for general pay restraint, dodging any embarrassing recommendations for substantial adjustments by referring the question of high-level Whitehall pay for further study by the Commission.

It was implicit in yesterday's Boyle report, which was separate from the substantive review and part of Phase Three "tidying up" of increases due under pay code provisions, that there has been some distortion. The fact that the flexibility

is well aware of the discontent. Representatives of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, and the Institution of Professional Civil Servants have seen to that at a series of meetings.

There is a genuine resentment, as well as anxiety that the highest standards of public service must be maintained by attracting both people capable of bearing heavy responsibility and being paid a fair wage in return.

In recent years, there has been transformation in the pay of heads of nationalized industries. Salaries are much more generous than in the early and middle 1960s.

The chairman of the British Gas Corporation is now paid £22,750, and his deputy £18,750. That is the same level for the chairman and his deputy at the Electricity Council, whereas Mr Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board receives £20,750.

Yesterday's recommendation of an extra £350 is not going to make much difference to them, but it may help marginally those board members starting around £12,250 and may help future reviews of management pay.

Top men are not isolated from inflation, but they do accept that they are less vulnerable. Mr Peter Lewis, for example, has waived £3,871 of his annual salary and bonus as chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, a post rated at £19,083 a year.

There have been other cases, and provisions of the pay code have restricted the number of rises in private enterprise. Just what salaries are paid in big companies—often nowhere near the size of some state enterprises—can be derived from annual reports.

Lord Plowden at Tube Investments appears to receive £44,500, while retiring GKN chairman, Sir Raymond Brookes, enjoyed £47,000. British Oxygen pays its chief, Mr Leslie Smith, £26,000 (more than Post Office chairman Sir William Ryland) while Lord Kearton at Courtaulds draws £36,732, less than the £65,540 indicated for ICI's Sir Jack Callard.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Debating the SUITS strategy now

cular outlining details of its House of Fraser shareholders' meeting of 11th June. SUITS is evidently to part with its cash the gross value of the group's current capitalization with the 110p. In the short-term seems no reason to with this unexciting, blamable view. As Fraser's £1m income of 64p, against SUITS's rising per philosophy looks more than optimum, before the American S was attempting to sense of its stock trading interests. middle of 1972 it has into the whisky of a year, built up its with "acquire" ways, and sold off smaller divisions, not Weatherall fashion an attempt to sphere of activities to rich it has, or can management of a logical step would be a financial divy in the shape of an ake in its merchant Me Grossart, where reputation for a suitable proportion, that SUITS's recent vision programme bear full fruit (and would appear to be seen behind the sub- in short term being share price is a generous pre-emption capability they say in the roven. Taking £20m, figure after capital ort-term borrowing, current market capes the group's terests selling at times historic earn-



Sir Hugh Fraser, chairman of the House of Fraser divestment

done none too badly to produce a second half profit (before a final significant release of Rolls-Royce provisions) of £257,000 albeit that the figure is well down on the £862,000 made in the comparable period of the previous year.

But just how much the three-day week cost the group is not disclosed. It does seem, however, that despite good demand Doncaster was already labouring under the impact of steeply rising costs—without, apparently, being in a position to make stock profits out of the rising steel price. So, given that the cost pressure were intensifying in the second half, it seems fair to clear that full year profits would in any case have shown a considerably greater fall than the 17 1/2 per cent drop at the half-way stage.

That, then, seems to leave one with a theoretical normal working base of something over £1m last year and the prospect of at least a reasonably good first half for the current year.

Demand in all sectors is good, with orders from the vehicle industry holding up thanks to the group's emphasis on the more resilient heavy end. In p/s ratio terms Doncaster would need to offer the prospect of getting back towards £1.5m pretax to make a case for relative strength in the share price at 38p, but there is at least a 9.1 per cent yield and the interest of the Kingston & Birch Brown stake of 11 1/2 per cent.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £7.50m Sales £18.43m (£16.5m) Pre-tax profits £1.76 (£2.51m) Earnings per share 7.16p (5.23p) Dividend gross 6.6p (5.3p)

Central & Sheerwood
A depressed rating

In the general market decline, the low ratings of the financial trusts have tended to be overlooked, and Central & Sheerwood Trust is no exception.

Trading last year was inevitably dominated by the reorganization of the Newton Chambers acquisition. Pre-tax profits include £27,700 from 10 months' trading Perth and London Securities, sold last November for £13.1m in cash, and financing charges of £1.33m relating to the takeover. What is left now is the first fruits of the turnaround at Ramsomes & Napier, which brought in profits this time of £15,000 against a loss of £732,000 and an improvement in the asset position from 10.8p to the estimated 46.9p.

Meanwhile, the rump of C & S has survived the period well with the other Industrial Interests, mainly printing and publishing, a good £300,000 to the good. Financial services, not surprisingly, eased from £343,000 to £316,000, but the investment banking side managed a good £50,000 increase to £1.45m.

In the past 18 months the shares have fallen from over 50p to 16 1/2p—and sell at three times earnings and yield 15 per cent. Although liquidity is comparatively good with cash in March 1974 at £1.45m, the current market capitalization of £4.5m is difficult to see any recovery in status in the near future.

Final: 1973 (1972) Capitalization £4.3m Sales £50.3m (£42.5m) Pre-tax profits £2.53m (£2.6m) Earnings per share 1.05p (1.05p) Dividend gross 2.5p (1.05p)

At first sight, pay rises of £350 for those already receiving annual salaries ranging from £5,900 to £27,750 might seem generous enough in present circumstances. After all, runs a familiar argument, those who rub along at this level are better able to withstand the ravages of inflation.

The chairman of the British Steel Corporation, Dr Monty Finniston, whose pay goes up to £28,100, if the report of the Review Body on Top Salaries is accepted by the Prime Minister, has his other perks—the official car, board lunchroom, and expense allowance.

No doubt the Head of the Home Civil Service, the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, and the Secretary to the Cabinet enjoy a few discreet benefits additional to their official £17,000 a year.

But such men bear the heaviest responsibility for working at the highest reaches of public administration, for which there are few yardsticks to determine what are fair and acceptable levels of remuneration commensurate with those responsibilities.

It is because there are difficulties in deciding top salaries in the public sector that Lord Boyle of Handsworth was appointed three years ago to keep remuneration under review, with the help of a small committee and the Office of Manpower Economics.

What heads of state industries, senior civil servants, members of nationalized bodies, high level officers in the armed forces and judges are worth is no easy task to decide. Indeed, it has taken Lord Boyle three years to date, with no report yet available, to conduct a fundamental review of top pay structure, with reference to salaries paid in industry and other high level occupations.

And it is necessary to bear this delay in mind in understanding why there is discontent at the highest levels of Government service. Senior civil servants are beginning to suspect that Lord Boyle is not proving as independent as they hoped in reviewing their remuneration.

After all, it seems very con-

venient that his substantive report on top salaries has not appeared during Phases One to Three of the counter-inflation pay arrangements, whereas there have been a few modest adjustments within the terms of the pay code (such as yesterday's recommendation of £350 across-the-board rises, with an extra £150 for Under Secretaries in the Civil Service).

For some time there has been a feeling that remuneration has lost reasonable comparability, even accepting that industrialists have been conforming with the pay code. It is said that distortion of top public salaries began well before the last two Governments sought restraint in the national interest.

There has recently been a dramatic example of differential between the private and the public sector. Sir William Armstrong, due to retire shortly as head of the Civil Service, has had his job of looking after 700,000 public servants treated by Lord Boyle at £17,350. But the Midland Bank, where he is to become chairman, is to provide him with £34,000 a year.

This puts him in a class where only 200 people in Britain receive gross salaries above £30,000 a year, a bracket into which the Co-op-Wholesale Society has just placed its chief executive, £45,000 a year after a review of its top executive pay levels.

The reality is that Sir William will be valued more by the private sector, but in net terms he will pay out over £21,000 in taxes, disregarding the Civil Service pension coming as earned income.

Since the previous Labour Government required public companies to disclose more information about directorial fees and share ownership, more details are available these days to Lord Boyle and others trying to control the ceiling. But this effort is getting complicated, especially when the Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Michael Foot, says publicly he feels himself overpaid at £13,000 a year, demanding a less sympathetic review of the case for high salaries in

Charrington
After the acquisitions

Both the original interests of Charrington, Gardner, Lockett and the newly acquired Dundee Perth and London Securities, produced profits for the year to last March short of stock market expectations. Of the combined £3.49m before tax for 1973-74, some £678,000 is accounted for by Dundee, which contributed nothing to the previous year's £2.22m. Red loan stock interest, Dundee made £983,000, which compares with a forecast of not less than £1.1m.

This leaves Charrington's original interests, and here the picture appears to be much the same as at the end of the nine-month period to December 31: improved profits from the fuel division and the builders' merchants activities offset by a poor result from the vehicles business.

The only consolation from a 25 per cent fall in last quarter profits of the original Charrington activities is, surprisingly, a two point improvement in margins on those ruling at the end of the first nine months, although for the year margins are slightly down at 3.15 per cent.

Whether the last quarter margin improvement is a bull point, given the adverse background of the three-day week, remains to be seen. But the margins on fuel distribution cannot now, presumably, be what they were, while the outlook for builders is hardly encouraging. And in making the shares down 2 1/2p to 27 1/2p, where the p/e ratio is 6.2 and the yield 13.6 per cent, the market does appear unconvinced: subject, of course, to where Slater's stake ends up.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization (£10.24m) Sales £11.2m (8.9m) Pre-tax profits £3.49m (£3.22m) Earnings per share 4.41p (5.39p) Dividend gross 3.74p (3.57p) * Excluding Dundee Perth.

Electric
in the half

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Daniel Doncaster
Demand remains good

That Daniel Doncaster was hard hit by the three-day week could come as no surprise. Not only did the reduction in the available power come at a bad time in terms of a strong outstanding order book, but forging is obviously a business that suffers more than most from disruption. In that context, in fact, one could say that Doncaster has

One answer to the question which happened to the customer/contractor principle? emerged earlier this week in a 60-page report from the Department of Industry.

It comprised eight main reports, one from each of the ministerial departments, and research requirements boards set up in 1972-73 to identify promising areas and determine priorities in Government-supported research and development.

The boards were set up to implement the Rothschild customer/contractor principle for the control of Government R and D. This principle, for those of us who may have forgotten, is described by the Department of Industry as follows:

"Government departments as customers define their requirements, and the contractors advise on the feasibility of meeting them and undertaking the work; the arrangement between them must ensure that the objectives are spelt out in such a way that the progress of the work can be controlled in financial and technical terms."

In implementing this concept, the ministerial departments may come from the boards themselves, from the Department of Industry, or from bids for support from potential contractors. The "contractors" tend to be Government research establishments and the research establishments, although a number of extra-mural contracts go out to industry.

There are eight boards, seven of which are concerned with

specific R and D areas and one with an ad hoc brief to fill any gaps. Some aspects of their progress in 1973 are indicated in the following extracts from the reports:

Chemicals. Mr D. C. Clark, Department of Industry, Budget £3,643,000. "In its first year, the board has started to influence the content and direction of programmes presented to it. In its second year, it will attempt to take a more detailed view of the need for Government-funded R and D and thus to influence the balance of the programmes in a much more influential way."

Computers, systems and electronics. Chairman Mr J. W. Nichol, Department of Industry, Budget £5,545,000. "Pending more detailed analysis, the board has assumed that Government and other users of computers and computer-based systems can define their needs for the next five to seven years, and that it should aim therefore to identify the needs of the 1980s, to identify common trends, promising areas for advanced work and matters which are of common concern to a number of users, suppliers and other groups and to ensure that effective R and D is undertaken."

Engineering materials. Chairman Mr J. R. Crane, Imperial Metal Industries, Budget £3,083,000. "Discussions which have already taken place suggest that increased emphasis should be given to work on composite materials, on finding

substitutes for expensive and increasingly scarce imported materials, on development of materials and technologies to achieve reduced production costs, and on the wider applications of existing new materials."

Fundamental standards. Chairman Dr I. Maddock, Department of Industry, Budget £1,070,300. "To date, only two ongoing programmes have been allocated to the board. These are from the divisions of quantum metrology and electrical science at the National Physical Laboratory."

Mechanical engineering and machine tools. Chairman Mr J. W. Atwell, Weir Group, Budget £5,322,000. "Using the projects at the National Engineering Laboratory and the UK Atomic Energy Authority as a basis, the board defined a number of areas of work it felt were of sufficient importance to merit early study. These were production control, manufacturing systems and numerically controlled programming; production methods; fluid power; and industrial technologies and design services."

Metrology and standards. Chairman Mr E. McEwen, British Lucas, Budget £3,328,000. "The board started late and consequently has not had time to consider strategy... The board met frequently during 1973 in a conscious attempt to survey all its current programmes. It is now the intention of the board to take time to consider its overall policy."

Ship and marine technology. Chairman Mr Nigel Brookes, Trafalgar House Investments, Budget £4,418,000. "After examining the current programme, the board came to the conclusion that, within the broad field of shipping, emphasis needed to be changed from ship operation to ship construction, in terms of Government-financed R and D... In the marine technology sector, the board concluded that a great deal more needed to be done in support of the recovery of offshore oil and gas."

Chief Scientist's requirements board. Chairman Dr I. Maddock, Department of Industry, Budget £2,289,000. "In

tackling the problems before them, the board has consistently tried to establish a need-oriented framework within which to make judgments... In some instances, targets for cost recovery have been set to provide evidence of demand and in general the board has set firm limits on the time for which the department should be expected to 'prime the pump'."

The general pattern of the board's first year has been one of continuing with existing programmes with minor adjustments, rather than any radical redirection. The development of overall strategies, as indicated, has had to wait.

None the less the boards have gone some way towards establishing priorities. The computers board has identified distributed computing systems as particularly significant, for example.

An end-of-term report on the reports might sum up thus: "A promising start. Appear to be trying hard. Must maintain progress if potential is to be realized."

Kenneth Owen

Rothenberg formula yields results

Business Diary: Rogers and out • The other CIA

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to promote from within, both of which gives them every reason for staying.

That shouldn't be too much hard feelings about Rogers' move. IBM and Plessey do compete, but only in marginal areas, IBM making computerized private telephone exchanges and Plessey computerized traffic, air traffic and air-borne systems.

Trade patterns

In a curious gathering in London yesterday, Sir John Reiss bowed in as president of the Commonwealth Industries Association and described the new role he saw for this, to some, rather cloudy body.

As if in the glory of the bonfire that marked British accession to the EEC, he said he saw the need to encourage closer trading ties between Britain and those countries which, like Australia and Canada, were invaluable sources of raw materials.

Hollowood

"We've had a marvellous offer of coal futures, 60 tons at £26.50 per ton."

He spoke of the need to safeguard the position of developing Asian Commonwealth countries not in good standing with Brussels, and promised pressure on the British Government before "irreversible decisions are made by the European Council of Ministers."

Finally, an "independent research body" was to set up a research unit, financed by funds from industry "to provide the necessary statistics. Two studies were already under way. One of these, he said, would examine opportunities to "renew Commonwealth trade links". The other would present three scenarios for the United Kingdom's international trading patterns—one under the present EEC arrangements, another after British withdrawal, and the third should renegotiation result in arrangements between Britain and the EEC similar to those of Sweden, Norway and Switzerland.

British accession to the EEC, however tenuous, seems to have goaded the unfortunately-

initialled CIA into a new lease of life. Formed 40 years ago to investigate for Longwood later for Commonwealth Preference, it seemed to sicken if not to die as both preference and Commonwealth have put away in the hands of the law. John, who is chairman of Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, is, for instance, the first president the association has had these 13 years.

The speeches over, yesterday's meeting got to the primary. The obvious question to ask of this hitherto dormant phoenix was, "What firms do you represent?" This, however, threw Sir John chairman Mr. Marten, M.P. and director Edward Hollowood into a huddle, from which emerged the reply that it wouldn't really do to say without asking the members' permission.

To have called such a meeting without having cleared this first seems rather a strange way of going about getting yourself known. However, it is possible to get some idea from the membership council, which besides Sir John includes Sir Denys Lawson of Australian Estates and Anglo-Thai Corporation.

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Sir John's company has interests in South Africa. The recent report of the Commons Expenditure Committee on wages and conditions of African workers employed by British firms there said that Associated paid significantly above "statutory minima. The report pointed out, however, that for the company's

migrant workers the Poverty Datum Line was based on the "questionable assumption that the workers' families fed themselves in their reserves."

Asked whether CIA members were investigating what they put in the tin if they were paying all they might, whether in South Africa or in poor Commonwealth countries, Sir John said the question was irrelevant as the association had not been set up to discuss questions such as that.

Since, however, one of the association's declared aims is to "aid the growth of Commonwealth countries in their economic development," this might seem worth discussing during the coming months.

Varley's lesson

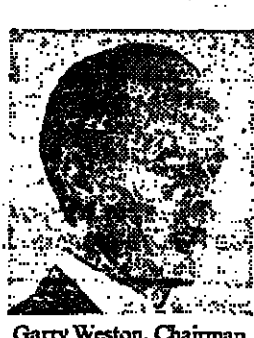
Whatever heartaches may go into their preparation, Government reports usually receive publication opening lines of any eno- going about getting yourself known. However, it is possible to get some idea from the membership council, which besides Sir John includes Sir Denys Lawson of Australian Estates and Anglo-Thai Corporation.

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Associated British Foods report further growth

Excellent results from overseas divisions more than offset profit reduction in U.K.



Garry Weston, Chairman

* An increase of £5.3 million in profits from the Overseas Divisions more than offset reduction of £1.2 million in the U.K. Overseas profits have increased from 35% to 45% of the Group total.

* High rate of investment continues in re-equipping and modernising companies. £40 million spent during the year.

* Manufacturing companies in U.K. seriously affected by the operation of the Price Commission in not allowing reasonable recovery of basic costs.

Financial Highlights	1974	1973	1972
	£ million	£ million	£ million
Sales	861.2	728.5	612.5
Profits before Tax	39.7	35.6	27.5
Profits after Tax & Minorities	17.6	18.3	13.6
Net Assets	225.5	200.4	157.3
Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	126.9	111.8	90.1
Earnings per Share	5.45p	4.86p*	3.53p*
Return on Net Assets	17.6%	17.8%	17.5%

* Adjusted equivalent

FINANCIAL NEWS

Geo Bassett revival awaits fresh production impetus

By Ashley Druker

Earnings matching the preceding year's £2.12m pre-tax were about the summit of market expectations for George Bassett Holdings which, in the event, moved slightly ahead to £2.15m for the year to March 31. Confectionery manufacture did well but wholesale distribution went into retreat with lower returns. On sales up from £40.85m to £43.17m (the manufacturing sector up 19 per cent) profit margins stood up fairly well at 5.1 against 5.11 per cent. Net profit fell from £1.3m to £1.04m, with earnings a share, after extraordinary items, coming to 5.87p compared with 12.23p. The items (increases in deferred tax liability) were a debit of £334,000 against a credit of £90,000. The year's payment is 5.73p compared with 5.46p. Profits after six months were practically stationary because of the absence of "windfall" pro-

fits from low sugar profits, the cost of the expansion programme and losses at the Dutch subsidiary. Once the reorganisation and transfer of machinery programmes are completed this autumn, a significant increase in output will be on the way, Mr D. G. Johnson, chairman, says. Sales from this added production should have a more than proportionate effect on profitability, with demand consistently in excess of group production. In wholesaling, the business has once again been expanded beyond the traditional areas of tobacco and confectionery and the programme will continue on this line. The Wood Green factory will cease production this autumn, with this and other properties available for disposal. These now state in the balance sheet at some £1.2m. The final transfer of production to Sheffield will complete the £2m reshaping programme.



Mr E. Scantlebury, chairman of URM Group: Although it is hard to foresee the outcome of the current year, the board is happy with the group's prospects and is going ahead with plans for the expansion of the business. Margins this year have to be further reduced by 10 per cent with effect from May 6. However, sales for the first three months are ahead of 1973. Additional turnover is being sought to ease the margins problem.

AB Foods' working capital needs soar by £25m

Working capital requirements at Associated British Foods rose last year by £25m, an increase of about 50 per cent on those for the preceding year. But Mr Garry Weston, chairman, emphasises that ABF has the financial strength to withstand such a temporary deterioration, adding, however, that it is clear that such a trend cannot be allowed to continue.

Food companies must be allowed to recover a more realistic proportion of their cost increases that are completely outside their control, he says. Consequently, it comes as little surprise that Mr Weston does not forecast the outcome for the current year. In 1973-74, ABF increased its pre-tax profits by 12 per cent to £39.7m with overseas activities more than offsetting the £1m downturn in the United Kingdom profits. Had ABF been allowed just to recover all wage increases incurred in the manufacturing division, and not recovered by price increases, profits by these companies would have been £3.5m higher.

tax 34 per cent to £710,000 on turnover 39 per cent better at £6.8m.

Chancery sale to M/c Liners

Chancery Consolidated, the former Kintop Investments, has sold its subsidiary Manchester Marine to Manchester Liners for £800,000, of which £602,000 is in cash. The residue of £198,000 is a debt due from CC to MM for which Manchester Liners is assuming responsibility. The transaction provides additional funds for deployment in the investment banking division of CC.

MM, whose principal activity is ship repairing and conversion work plus non-marine engineering, was acquired by CC in May, 1971, for £1.05m; since that date CC has received dividends totalling about £945,000.

Rescue effort begins at Business Computers

Mr Watt, the receiver appointed last week to Business Computers, says that while the group has recently been operating at a loss, he aims to arrange for the business to complete its outstanding work on installation and programming, and to provide maintenance and service coverage to customers. Wages and salaries of the company's staff have been guaranteed until the end of the month, and the next 10 days will be spent trying to keep the business going. Mr Watt is in touch with a number of people who are interested in acquiring the business as a whole.

A further statement will be made soon—possibly "within the next three weeks".

Stair Carding far short of forecast

When Stair Carding Group, formerly Carding Investments, revealed its half-time results in November the board was confident of attaining £1.5m in the full year to March 31, having

produced more than doubled profits of £658,000 in the first half.

In the event the group (property investment, vehicle distribution, etc) has turned in taxable profits of £630,000 from the combined interests of Carding Investments and the John Stair Group, compared with £489,000 for 1972-73 from Carding only. This indicates a shortfall of some £640,000 from the estimate. This was brought about by the need to value the properties held for development and sale on the "most conservative and realistic basis" in the light of professional advice. The total dividend is 0.62p, compared with equal to 0.59p.

Utd Africa Co shares for Nigerians

New developments are announced from Lagos in regard to United African Co, Unilever's big Nigerian operator. In his annual statement, the chairman of Unilever, said that most of the subsidiaries within UAC International had been managed into UAC of Nigeria and that 40 per cent of the equity of the latter would soon be offered for sale to Nigerian nationals. The 12 Nigerian state governments have now each accepted the offer to acquire shares worth £1m (about £1.5m) in UAC Nigeria, according to trade sources quoted by Reuters. UAC plans to issue soon another 7m

shares worth of shares to the public. A notice in the Government Gazette says that 14 subsidiaries of UAC are to wind up voluntarily under the indigenisation decree of March.

Heenan Spark-BP

In an agreed deal worth a total of £565,000, Heenan Spark is to buy the plastics profile and sheet extrusion business carried on by BP Chemicals. The consideration represents the value of the assets being acquired, and will be paid in instalments over two years. A new company, Stroud Extrusions, will be set up to operate the business.

Triplex Foundries

Sales of the Triplex Foundries Group for 1973-74 are up from £12.6m to £14.8m, and pre-tax profits have jumped from £834,000 to a record £915,000. The board points out that the trading period covers the 11-week power restrictions. Net profits are down from £529,000 to £507,000, but the dividend is up from equal to 3.5p to 3.71p.

Brit Cotton & Wool

Further record profits were achieved by the British Cotton & Wool Dyers' Association in 1973-74. Taxable profits are up from £477,000 to £573,000 on turnover of £9.09m, against £6.9m. After charging

exceptional items of £ the past year, net p down from £500,500 to £232,500, against £29 dividend is up from 2.76p.

Benson's Hosier

The combined effect short week end one checked the interim p Benson's Hosier p and full-time earnings to be lower than the year's £205,000 pre-tax half to January 31 (if strictly comparable) fell from £4.4m to £3.8 taxable profit went ahead from £188,000 p The subsidiary p affected was Benson K where trading unecometical.

T. C. Harrison

In spite of the "difficult conditions" earlier part of the Harrison, the Shaft Ford main dealers, l line of only 11.5 pe taxable profits over five months. Mr T. Harrison annual meeting pro the rest of the year, the general economic but, catastrophes i group hopes to ms dividend.

SWAN RYAN IN U.S.

Company is in talks west Management Co over possible purchase holiday and travel ope about £363,333 cash shares.

LAUGHTON & SONS

Turnover up from £6.44m, but profits slip from last ye £631,000 to £621,000.

BROWN MUFF-HOUS FRASER

House of Fraser has holding in Brown Mufford, to 190,000 share cent) by purchase of 75

Price rise delay blamed as Sketchley loses steam

Interim hopes of achieving the progress foreshadowed in the annual statement at Sketchley were dampened with full-time results showing virtually level pegging. This is blamed on the shorter week and the delay by the Price Commission, for technical reasons, in allowing a justifiable price increase in the cleaning division. After six months pre-tax profits rose from £765,000 to £844,000, but for the full year to March 31 the outcome is £1.63m against £1.6m. Interest charges rose from £109,000 to £185,000. Sales were up from £16.03m to £17.56m. After tax up from £650,000 to £811,000, the "net" shows a fall from £955,000 to £816,000, and the "attributable" from £1m. to

£835,000. The year's dividend is up from 4.33p to 4.55p. The company also states that further borrowing was made during the year to finance the inflationary rise in the cost of stocks, including overalls on hire. A decision to increase the quantity of new overalls held in stock is now operating to Sketchley's advantage in the way of acquiring new business. Meanwhile, the company has ample facilities for additional finance to meet expected future requirements. For the year ahead, the company is now back on course with sales volume running ahead of the same period, but the national economic problems prevent a firm forecast being made on the full-time outcome.

Invergordon profits reach bumper £1.2m

Turnover of the Invergordon Distillers (Holdings) group for 1973-4 has risen from £8.05m to £9.12m, while pre-tax profits jumped from £792,000 to a record £1.26m. While it is impracticable to forecast this year's results because of a shortage of raw materials, the board thinks that profits should go even higher judging by present trends. Attributable profits are ahead from £467,000 to £720,000, while the dividend is 2.45p (nil) out of earnings a share of 3.22p (2.52p). Growth of the group was to a large extent helped by a significant increase in the volume of cased goods exported, and this pattern is continuing in the current year.

Slowdown at Rexmore

In spite of a slower second half Rexmore, the Liverpool fabric manufacturer, reports record profits of £2.4m pre-tax for last term, a growth of 17.5 per cent. At halfway profits jumped by 47 per cent to £1.13m. Turnover was up 32 per cent to £9m. But the picture is marred by a tax charge increased by 68 per cent to £1.26m, and an extraordinary debit of £269,000 (£92,000), which left the attributable down from £1.2m to £879,000 and earnings a share from 16.0p to 14.17p. Nevertheless, shareholders are to get a total return increased from an adjusted 5.01p to 5.26p. In its first full year as a public company Unerman Holdings, the quoted subsidiary which makes hardware fittings, raised its pre-

GOUGH BROTHERS

Last term turnover was £6.5m (£6.4m) and pre-tax profit £318,000 (£245,000). Total dividend up from 3p to 4p with scrip option on final.

FENCHURCH INSURANCE

Guinness has accepted the offer to acquire shares worth £1m (about £1.5m) in UAC Nigeria, according to trade sources quoted by Reuters. UAC plans to issue soon another 7m

WEINSPARKEN INV

Proposed purchase of Central Properties (Kensington) is still under negotiation and not yet completed.

RMU WINE HOEDINGS

Turnover for 1973 down from £3.18m to £2.28m, but taxable profits up 95 per cent to record £197,000.

JOHN STEPHEN OF LONDON

Pre-tax loss of £76,000 for half year to February 28, against profit of £84,000; no interim payment; total of 4.5p paid for previous year.

WARWICK ENGINEERING

Profits before tax for 1973-74, £206,000, compared with forecast of £460,000 and loss of £66,000 for preceding year. Dividend, 3.14p (nil).

GUTHRIE CORPORATION

Offer for sale proposed in Malaysia of 14.5m ordinary RM1 shares at 10p in subsidiary Guthrie Roper Berhad. Total value of offer (25.9 per cent of Roper's capital) is £2.5m.

BANK OF IRELAND

Governor says he believes bank is well placed to cope with present

uncertainties and to grow profitably.

Meeting of the General Court of Proprietors



John A. Ryan, Governor

Extracts from the Governor's Statement

The Bank has again enjoyed a successful year with a profit of £15.3 million compared with £10.7 million last year, and an after tax profit attributable to Stockholders of £7.7 million compared with £5.3 million last year.

Dividend
On the results the Directors have recommended a final dividend of 14p per £1 of Stock making a total of 20p per £1 of Stock for the year ended 31st March 1974, compared with an equivalent 15p per £1 of Stock for the previous year.

The Year

For the year ending 31st March 1974 the Bank first published its accounts on the fully disclosed basis. They showed resources of £642 million and profits before taxation of £7.4 million. The present resources of £1,082 million and profits before taxation of £15.3 million are an increase of 69% and 105% respectively over those figures. Difficulties were created during the year by the steep and generally unexpected increases in interest rates world wide and particularly in the United Kingdom and Ireland since April 1973 and, from November onwards, by the rapidly growing need of industry for additional working capital to meet the effects of inflation and sharp rises in the prices of commodities, especially oil. The general rise

in interest rates placed upon the Bank particular responsibilities in the management of its liquid assets and investments. Moreover the unexpected increase in the need for working capital could not ordinarily have been met by the Bank within the framework of the liquidity ratios prescribed by the Central Bank. In the circumstances the Bank has provided the necessities of its customers by the re-discounting of Exchequer Bills with the Central Bank. The re-discount rates are such that this additional and unexpected lending is actually effected at a cost to the Bank, but it has been made in view of the productive nature of the lending and the extent to which the economy depends upon it. Overall the profitability of the Bank stems primarily from a team effort and from the total involvement of staff. The general reorganisation of the working of the Bank has been proceeding in an orderly way and it has now reached a point at which, over a wide range of operations, the Bank is functioning more effectively than ever before.

Developments

The Operations Department, which aims at controlling the cost of routine transactions while meeting the standards of service required by customers and providing for the satisfaction of staff in their work, made significant strides forward during the year. The clearing system in the Bank was fully automated in June last and the accounting in 28 branches was fully computerised during the year. The next stage of development will be completed by May 1975 when 61% of the branch accounting will be handled by computer. As the developments are completed the Bank will have particular regard to ensuring that the real needs of customers are more adequately and conveniently provided for in the future. The process of rationalising branches is continuing and twenty rationalisations have been completed.

The Year To Come

The economic and financial influences which are likely to affect Ireland and Europe during the coming year are beset with uncertainties. Within Ireland, however, a principal concern of the Bank must be to assist in the provision of credit sufficient for the continued growth which is both projected and necessary, but to do so in terms which will not unduly add to the inflationary pressures in the Irish economy. I believe that the Bank is particularly well placed in the skills and spirit of its management and staff at all levels to cope with these uncertainties and to continue to grow profitably.

Agriculture

The Agricultural Service provided by the Bank has been extended and re-organised. The

development of the Corporate Division to which I referred last year includes a special unit covering agriculture to which an agricultural economist is now whole time attached; this unit provides a service capable of delivering quick and informed advice on lending operations. The importance of the activities of the agricultural advisory service has again been underlined by the granting during the year of the World Bank Loan for the development of the livestock industry. This is being made available to the farming community through the banks and the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Northern Ireland

Despite the personal disturbance, the damage to premises and the dislocation of business, all the members of the staff in Northern Ireland have responded very fully to the exceptional demands of the situation there and have contributed in a special way to the total success of the Bank. This has been so not only in the general business of the Bank but also in its specialised departments, Executor and Trustee, Income Tax, Overseas Department and Transfer Office, which have all played a full part in the Bank's activities.

Overseas

This has been a year of considerable further expansion of the Bank's activities overseas. In the United Kingdom, in addition to the Area Office and the Regional Office there are the London City Office and nine branch offices, three of which were opened during the year. These developments have enjoyed considerable success and a further extension of the branch network in the United Kingdom is planned. In the United States the Representative Office in New York has further enlarged its activities and has been increasingly active in the role which has been assigned to it. Its success and the identification of the need for a separate base in the Mid-West led to the opening of a Representative Office in Chicago and the experience of this office since its opening has fully justified the decision to establish it. The first Representative Office on the continent of Europe was opened at Frankfurt, which was chosen because of its special position as a banking centre and the importance of Germany as the largest European source, at present, of industrial investment in Ireland. The Corporate and Overseas Department continues to increase the range of its activities in other parts of the world, particularly Japan and Australia. The structure of the Department with its base in Dublin, its City Office in London and its three representative offices has proved capable of providing a most satisfactory service which it is intended to develop further.

Subsidiaries

For the first time the accounts distinguish between profits made directly by the Bank of Ireland itself and those made in other parts of the Group. The effects of management in the subsidiaries of the Bank have succeeded in increasing the subsidiaries' contributions to the profit of the Group to a most satisfactory extent, as will be seen from the figure of £2.8 million profit for the year ended 31st March 1974 as compared with £2.3 million profit for the year ended 31st March 1973.

Bank of Ireland Finance Limited

Foster Finance Limited effected a change in its name on 1st January to Bank of Ireland Finance Limited and its primary operating company in Northern Ireland became Bank of Ireland Finance (Northern Ireland) Limited. To assist the further growth and development of Bank of Ireland in the United Kingdom it has been decided to establish business there and supply to the public services similar to those supplied in Ireland.

The Investment Bank of Ireland Limited

The Investment Bank of Ireland Limited another very successful year in all departments and profits were again increased, as has been its record in every year since its foundation in 1968. In July a branch office was opened in Belfast.

Chase and Bank of Ireland (International) Limited

Chase and Bank of Ireland (International) Limited again increased its share of its segment of the market.

S.A.I.T.

Share and Loan Trust Limited had a satisfactory improvement in net revenue tax and a significant increase in its net including a realised capital profit of £21 on the sale of certain investments.

Extract from Report of the Directors for year ended 31st March

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 1974.

Profit before Taxation	£000
The Bank	12,522
Subsidiaries	2,777
	15,299
Taxation	7,385
Profit after Taxation	7,914
Minority interests in Subsidiaries	239
Profit attributable to Stockholders of the Bank	7,675
Dividends	
Interim 6p less Income Tax	832
Proposed Final 14p less Income Tax	1,240
	1,772
Retained Profit transferred to Revenue Reserves	5,903
Earnings per £1 of Capital Stock	56.3p

Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31st March 1974

	£000	£000	£000
Capital and Reserves			
Capital Stock	13,831	11,369	
Capital Reserves	10,604	3,227	
Revenue Reserves	40,832	36,079	
	65,067	50,665	
Loan Stocks	8,400	8,400	
Minority interests in Subsidiaries	1,965	1,829	
Future Taxation	8,478	5,105	
Current Liabilities			
Notes in Circulation	4,202	5,471	
Deposit, Current and Other Accounts	1,082,852	883,194	
Current Taxation	1,972	1,258	
Proposed Final Dividend less Income Tax, payable 12th July, 1974	1,240	1,084	
	1,090,255	840,897	
	1,174,175	906,886	
Current Assets			
Liquid Assets		386,754	
Investments		129,234	
Advances to Customers, other accounts and balances outstanding under hire purchase and other instalment agreements, less provisions		550,286	
Items in transit		29,789	
		1,135,063	
Equipment in hands of Lessees		7,327	
Bank Premises, other Properties and Equipment		31,785	
		1,174,176	



Bank of Ireland

MARKET REPORTS

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed with modest gains in Europe at the end of yesterday's foreign exchange trading. Signs that United States domestic interest rates have not yet peaked, and some United States banks with a formula-linked prime rates may have to set increases, were translated into higher Eurodollar interest rates, supporting the American currency. London dealers reported...

Moderate help for discount houses

Contrary to expectations, discount houses experienced a rather difficult day. "Calling" at the outset was fairly heavy and money was hard to come by for most of the day. The authorities were required to assist the market on a moderate scale, through purchases of Treasury bills, "eligibles" and corporation bills, directly from the houses. Rates for secured loans started the day in the region of 11 or 11 1/2 per cent, firming to 11 1/2 per cent, but then fell away to 11 1/4 per cent in the final 15 minutes of the day.

New commodity firm in West End

New commodity broking firms are fairly rare birds, particularly if they are based in London's West End. But yesterday M. L. Duxford & Co was launched and braved the press at its impressive headquarters in St James's Street. Linking with Bacche & Co (London), which has access to all the leading world commodity markets, Duxford is a specialist in the management of portfolio and discretionary accounts for both institutional and private investors. The minimum is a surpris-

ingly low £3,000 compared with many City firms' £10,000. Indeed discretionary accounts are not at all uncommon with many brokers as they usually need a great deal of time spent on them. One aspect of the new company's business is that most of its clients are European and thus through invisible earnings, is helping, albeit in a small way, with Britain's economy. The chairman is Mr Michael Duxford and the managing director is Mr John Duxford. Commodity Trading which is to be published next month.

Commodities

UK grain prices move ahead

Benefiting from overnight advice from Chicago grain prices on the London home grown futures markets moved ahead firmly yesterday. September wheat advanced £0.75 to £53.10 a long ton compared with £49.85 just over a month ago. September barley rose £0.80 to £52.15 a ton, a rise of over 55 a ton in about six weeks. In its latest report dated June 12, Rayner Fenton Garden says that it would appear over the short term—that prices could move higher since very little cover has been taken by the users and at some time they must enter the market as new crop barleys will be available within the next six weeks and they will have to start pricing for their sales of feeding stuffs.

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Money Market

Table with columns: Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate, Treasury Bills, Local Authority Markets, etc.

The Times Share Indices

Table with columns: Index, % Change, Previous, etc. for various share indices.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Table listing various authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with their respective values and changes.

Recent Issues

Table listing recent issues of bonds and securities.

Spot Position of Sterling

Table showing the spot position of sterling against various currencies.

Forward Levels

Table showing forward levels for various currencies.

Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for various banks like Barclays, FNFC, Hill Samuel, etc.

JOREHAUT HOLDINGS

Underlying Strength

Extract from Chairman's Statement

"The result of our activities for the year ended 31st December, 1973, clearly shows the success we have achieved in establishing Jorehaut Holdings as an Investment Holding Company. Our underlying strength is demonstrated by an enhanced net asset position achieved during an exceedingly difficult year."

Table with columns: 1973, 1972, Turnover, Profit before tax, Net earnings (loss) per share, Dividend (net per share).

1972 figures restated. "Whilst my expectation is for an improvement in 1974 in net income over that of 1973, I have to express my serious concern at the instability of the international financial scene. All commercial activity is faced with declining values, major currency fluctuations and high interest rates. In view of this, no one individual or corporate entity can look to the future without strong reservations about their relative prosperity and well being. The expected improvement in the affairs of Jorehaut Holdings should therefore be tempered with this realisation."

Copies of the Annual Report, containing the Chairman's statement in full, obtainable from The Secretary, 3 Queen Street Mayfair, London W1X 7PH.

BUNZL PULP & PAPER

The 34th Annual General Meeting of Bunzl Pulp & Paper held on 18th June at the Great Eastern Hotel, London. Following is a summary from the Statement by Mr G. G. Bunzl, Chairman, circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1973.

Turnover in 1973 increased by 30% from £72,763,000 to £93,845,000 and trading profit was up by 23% to £8,145,000. The net profit after tax was £7,145,000, an increase of 21% from £5,845,000 in 1972. An increase in the charge for taxation from the £1,000,000 in 1972 to £1,000,000 in 1973, a more than 100% increase, was offset by a corresponding increase in the charge for taxation from the £1,000,000 in 1972 to £1,000,000 in 1973.

A final dividend of 1.411p a share is proposed, making the year 5% above last year — the maximum permitted by the inflation legislation.

Sales by the Filter Division both in the UK and overseas to increase. Raw material prices rose so steeply at the end of the year that filter prices in the UK had to be increased after the July 1971 price index despite steadily rising costs. Production of a newly purchased factory near Burnley to meet the export demand for dual filters. The diversification programme continued to make progress.

The Paper Division Wycombe Marsh Paper Mills progress with strong demand for its products, but Bunzl & E. Vienne had a very disappointing year, the adverse effects of the abolition of the export rebate and further revelations of its being greater than expected, however the performance of B in 1974 is significantly better. The paper merchandising increased turnover and profits in buoyant conditions, and national Ltd and its overseas subsidiaries also had a success.

The Plastics Division had a good year, again improved profits both at home and overseas, and the Packaging division generally made good progress with heavy demand for films, wide variety of tapes and tubes.

Preliminary results for the first quarter of 1974 show that companies were very successful in overcoming the difficult three-day working, and sales and profits for the Group as a whole on the first quarter of last year. However, the performance of B in 1974 is significantly better, on which the Group's operations depend are now subject to unprecedented cost and supply shortages. All Group companies are expertly equipped in varying degrees and while they are well placed to overcome them it would be unwise to attempt making a realistic forecast for the whole of 1974 at present.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Table with columns: Net Assets employed, Turnover, Profit before taxation, Earnings for shareholders, Dividends per share, Earnings per share.

CAMELLIA INVESTMENT

"Satisfactory results for 1973"

Table with columns: Turnover, Net profit (loss), Net earnings (loss) per share, Dividend (net per share).

1973 figures restated.

"In the past our major preoccupation was to strengthen our very narrow financial base, with regard to the implications of world-wide inflation. I presently believe that our primary concern must ensure our capacity to withstand a period of recession coupled with continuing inflation. Despite current uncertainties, I am satisfied the present financial strength, coupled with the diversification of our assets, will enable us to continue to move steadily forward as we have in the past."

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Camellia Investments Limited

An investment holding company

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from: The Secretary, 15, Queen Street Mayfair, London W1X 7PH.

The London Asiatic Rubber Produce Company, Ltd.

Issued & Paid-up Capital ... £3,480,554 in 10p Securities and Agents

Table with columns: Year ended, Profit & Dividend, Profit after tax, Dividend for year.

After adding imputation tax credit this is equivalent to 2.1p per share, compared with 2.5p for 1972.

Table with columns: Year ended, CROPS HARVESTED, Rubber-kg, Palm Oil & Kernels-long tons.

PLANTED ACREAGE: Rubber and Oil Palms 54,064 acres

Annual General Meeting—12th July 1974

PRICE & BENTLEY

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MOTOR CARS

1973 DAIMLER 66... 205 3858/1 (adv); 205 2549 (adv).

MOTOR CARS

"PINK PANTHER" 1973 M. V12 8 cyl. 18,000 miles...

FLAT SHARING

S. KEN - Luxury flat, 4th fl. req. 6 min. walk to St. Geo. School...

RENTALS

CONNELLS SLOANE STREET, S.W.1. 1st floor flat...

RENTALS

HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB Enchanting newly furnished 3-bedroom Cottage...

RENTALS

LOWNES SQUARE KNIGHTSBRIDGE To Let Unfurnished...

RENTALS

LONDON'S FOREMOST ACCOMMODATION CENTRE Specialise in short and long term...

RENTALS

FURNISHED FLATS & HOUSES CENTRAL LONDON We have a large range of furnished flats...

RENTALS

ABOUT 200 P.W. Riverside period family house...

RENTALS

BOYD & BOYD for personal attention, immaculate furnished flats...

RENTALS

HOLIDAY HOUSES/FLATS. Large selection of modern, good service...

RENTALS

CHAMBERLAIN house to let W.1 area, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths...

RENTALS

FERRIER & DAVIES - One of London's best furnished flats...

RENTALS

WELLINGTON 90 - S.W.5. Attractive cottage with 3 to 4 beds...

RENTALS

W.1 MARBLE ARCH. Large 1/2 acre, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths...

RENTALS

W.1 - Central, new house, 6 rooms, 2 1/2 baths...

RENTALS

SUPERIOR FLAIR. house available, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths...

RENTALS

WOODS and Board in London Homes, 2-1/2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths...

RENTALS

WIMLETON 2 rooms, own k. & b., 2 1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms...

RENTALS

HOLLAND PARK, W.11 - 6031 - double reception room, super kitchen...

RENTALS

WIMLETON VILLAGE. Spacious family house with 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths...

RENTALS

NORTH WIMBLETON - Semi-detached, 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths...

RENTALS

WIMLETON FLAT - 2 large rooms, kitchen, shower, 2 1/2 baths...

RENTALS

LANCASTER GATE, W.2 - Furnished 2 bed, 2 1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms...

RENTALS

MARRIAGE & ADVICE BUREAU - Licensed by the Welfare Officer...

RENTALS

SPEAK ENGLISH PERFECTLY - Good accent and diction taught privately...

RENTALS

CENTRAL HEATING and plumbing installation and service...

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COMMON ENTRANCE to Outbridge, Tabbok Rise, 584 1619.

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CEBRIDGE ENTRANCE to 14, MARRIAGE & ADVICE BUREAU...

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FOR SALE AND WANTED PALMS and other exotic houseplants...

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OLD YORK PAVING STONES delivered to site...

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BEAUTIFUL CURTAINS and accessories, new fabrics...

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ROSEBY—On June 18, 1974, suddenly at his home, 10, 1/2, Addison Road, London, N.W. 11, aged 87, Mr. ROSEBY, late of 10, 1/2, Addison Road, London, N.W. 11, died on June 18, 1974, at his home, 10, 1/2, Addison Road, London, N.W. 11, aged 87.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ROSEBY—A memorial service for the late Lord Roseby, K.T., will be held at the Guild Chapel, Wellington Square, at 12 noon on Tuesday, 20th June, and also at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, at 3 p.m. Friday, 21st June.

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